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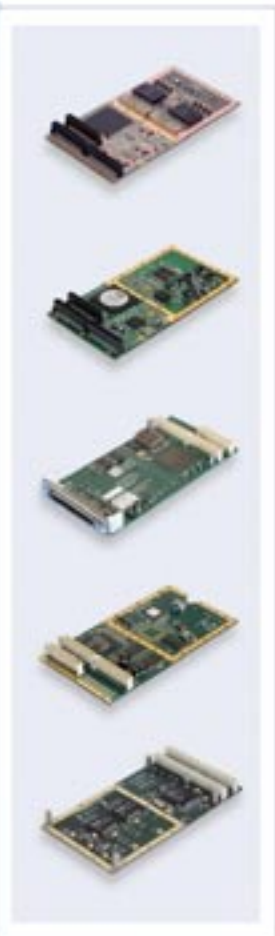
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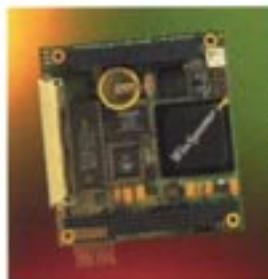
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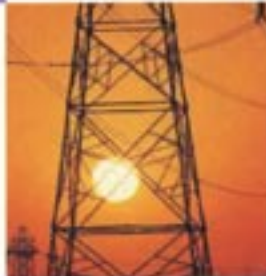
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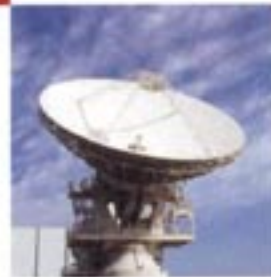
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Advanced managed platforms: Solving mission impossible



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You've heard some variation of the joke, "An Italian, German, and American walk into a room...." Well, typically the joke goes on to discuss the incompatibility of these various people and their incapacity to view a situation in the same way. If you're forming an elite team to perform a *mission impossible*, you need people who are at the top of their specialty, who function as a team in-synch with the other members and who are flexible to respond to any situation. Such a team is highly advanced and highly managed. This is the premise behind advanced managed platforms. Generic platforms are the fundamental hardware and low-level software components integrated together to provide the basis to support your specific applications and services. For example, they include a chassis (with power and backplane), standards-based Ethernet fabric switches, and system management. In contrast, advanced managed platforms employ a comprehensive management architecture and a suite of highly compatible and feature-rich components that deliver high availability, *ready-for-application* platforms for equipment manufacturers developing communications, military, and commercial products.

If you are kicking off a new embedded application or upgrading an existing application, the *mission impossible* is to develop your application with a premium and competitive feature-set, cost effective and deliverable on a tight schedule. The platform you choose has a major affect on the success of your product. Standards-based components make sense because there is no budget, no resources, and no time for *reinventing the wheel* for proprietary architectures. Products based on the CompactPCI specification are widely available, well proven from years of development, cost-effective due to volume economies of scale, and have the support of numerous vendors.

Overall, embedded applications are complex and require a thorough investigation as to where you will obtain the platform to support your specific application. You might ask: What's the difference between a basic platform and an advanced managed platform? How will this save me money in development costs, test costs, deployment costs, and total cost of ownership? In addition, how will this position me ahead of my competitors? This article answers these and other such questions.

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- Military:
 - Control systems
 - Secure communications
 - Test systems

What is an advanced managed platform?

Consider you are ready to form your top-notch team of experts to carry out your mission; in this case, the platform components necessary to architect your embedded application. The following examples illustrate the differences between disparate groupings, simple groupings, and advanced groupings.

Disparate groupings

You want the best in each field, so you hire the Italian, the German, and the American – each of whom are experts in their own field. However, in the example of a disparate grouping, these people have never worked together nor have they been trained together. Can you trust that they can accomplish the mission as a team? There could be compatibility issues where the team members can't get along. Can you afford the time to train them and sort out these issues?

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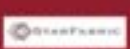
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Even with the suite of PICMG 2.X specifications defining standards-based interfaces for CompactPCI, components are still complex. Building a platform from disparate components from multiple vendors requires compatibility testing, integration research and development, and time spent dealing with multiple tech support groups (who most likely will point compatibility problems to another vendor's component). This scenario, as depicted in Figure 1, places your mission at risk for time-to-market readiness, compatibility headaches, and a lot of integration work.

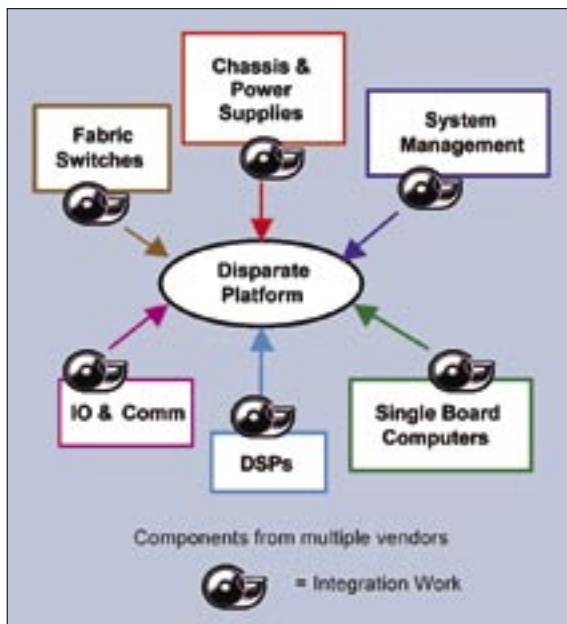


Figure 1

Simple groupings

You think about the above and realize that you prefer to go with a team that has worked together in the past, i.e., a simple grouping. You find a team who has worked together but realize they are a loose amalgamation, referenced together from time to time as jobs arise. They may have worked together in the past for one specific task but are not constantly managed or trained by one organization.

Some CompactPCI vendors have developed multiple components to operate with each other. Simple interoperability includes basic data and/or control communication between components (see Figure 2). It may include basic system management information such as health status and power up/down control. In addition, a simple platform vendor may depend on OEMing several components from other companies, which limits their capability to affect feature changes and limits their capability to support the product.

Advanced groupings

You look further into teams that have worked together and discover the *dream team*. This advanced grouping

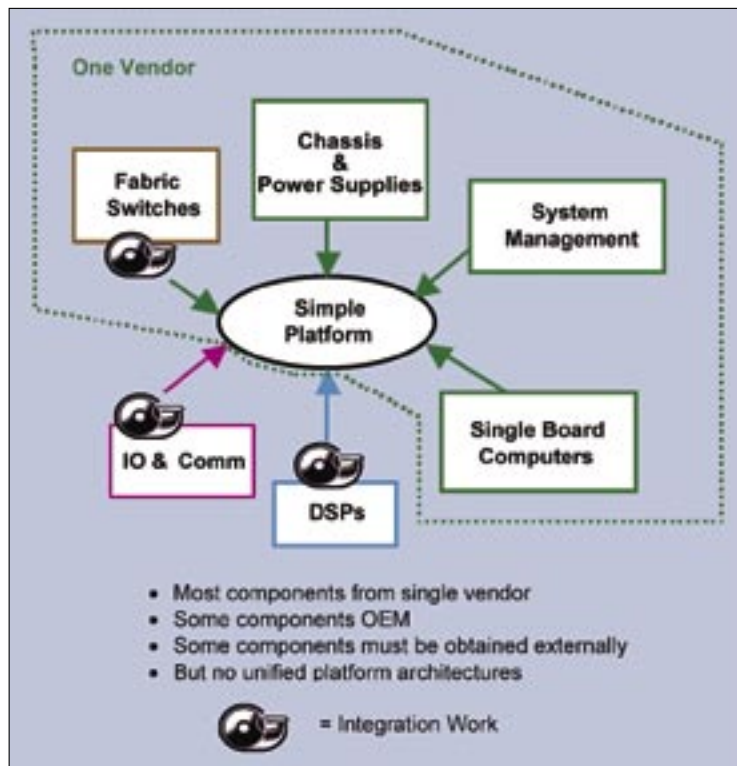


Figure 2

has been trained to be the top of their field, has undergone advanced training to work well together, and is flexible to perform various tasks. In addition, they all work for the same employer, so they are well managed and perform efficiently and in unison.

In an embedded application, the critical components and supporting software necessary include the chassis with backplane, PICMG 2.16 Ethernet switches, PICMG 2.9 intelligent shelf management, single board computers, I/O and communication cards, voice and fax media packet processors, and SS7/IP solutions. The PICMG 2.16 specification helps to reduce compatibility issues as independent boards in a platform can simply communicate over TCP/IP over the backplane for data and control. However, even with PICMG 2.16 applications, unified and advanced platform architecture is still critical to ensure compatibility.

The chassis must be able to power and cool each board properly in maximum load and extreme temperature conditions. The backplane must be designed in concert with the fabric switch to support the Ethernet fabric signals to each slot. In addition, even though the PICMG 2.9 specification calls out a standard interface and a standard command set, there are other architectural issues to consider, such as reliability and security. By implementing a star topology with a point-to-point interface from each managed component to the intelligent shelf manager, any rogue components will be isolated and will not be able to control other components in the platform.

Each component in a platform supporting IPMI contains a microcontroller that provides information back to the intelligent shelf manager. Components in a platform can support data sensors that gather information such as health, temperature, voltage, current, and FRU information. In an advanced managed platform, not only are all components IPMI-supported with a comprehensive data sensor set, but also the sensors themselves all report the same data from the same microcontroller, therefore unifying the data gathered from all components and simplifying shelf management.

The anatomy of advanced managed platforms

Equipment manufacturers who design with advanced managed platforms

reduce their costs for research, test, design, and integration activities, as well as the end customers' who deploy and service the equipment. In addition, as deployed systems have new components installed or replaced, maintaining compatibility eliminates new integration issues.

High availability

High availability (HA) is a fundamental requirement for business- or mission-critical embedded applications. Equipment manufacturers are also becoming more sensitive to minimizing total cost of ownership to their end customers. High-availability architectures are intended for always-on solutions, which reduce operational expenses and revenue opportunity losses caused by service interruptions. In addition, these applications can be designed cost-effectively to also reduce capital expenditures.

Fault-tolerance

A fault-tolerant system is one designed such that in the event a component fails, a backup component can immediately take its place with no loss of service. When using an Ethernet network to detect a failure in a component, the failover process can take seconds. A heart-beating watchdog will query the component several times to determine if it is nonfunctional. However, with an IPMI controller on each redundant component, failover procedures begin immediately. In addition, the IPMI controller can cause a proactive failover before an actual failure. In such a scenario, the first device can synchronize its configuration data and last transaction data to the other device before shutting down or resetting.

Intelligent shelf management

Comprehensive shelf management has quickly become a required feature in embedded applications, as it helps to increase high availability beyond the *five-nines* of availability. We define shelf management as the monitoring and control of active components within the platform. System or enterprise management is defined as the higher-level management system that monitors and manages all the platforms and other equipment from the operations center. The shelf management for each platform integrates to the enterprise management software.

In the past, simple platforms gathered only power and fail information. With an advanced managed platform, beyond just simple health status and slot control, a centralized shelf management card gathers a comprehensive set of sensor data such as temperature, voltage, current, and FRU in-

formation from each managed component. By implementing policy-based actions and setting thresholds or event filters, a system manager can monitor, predict, and react to failures before an occurrence, hence increasing high availability.

The intelligent shelf manager (ISM) is designed from the ground up for advanced managed platforms based on the PICMG 2.16 architecture, where there is a strong focus on a dynamic population of components and maximum service availability. This architecture is also very portable to new AdvancedTCA specifications. The IPMI specification provides a solid foundation for the management of such platforms.

Plan thoroughly for best results

As you embark on your *mission impossible*, consider all the feature requirements for your application, and consider how advanced managed platforms create a solid foundation.

Requirements include:

- Reduced total cost of development
- Rapid development cycle
- Reduced vendor set
- Reduced compatibility and integration issues
- High availability
- Redundant components
- Fault tolerance
- Comprehensive shelf management
- Feature complete and compatible components
- Flexibility to meet your specific requirements
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Advanced managed platforms gain strength from the PICMG 2.16 and 2.9 standards and provide equipment manufacturers and system integrators the basis to go beyond five-nines availability while handling the high-performance computing requirements of next-generation, packet-based systems.

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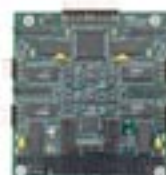


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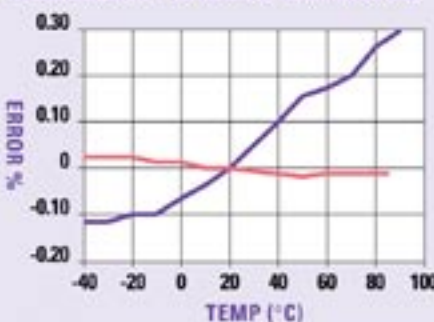
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Chasing size down the curve

The military avionics market has seen MIL-STD-1553 test, simulation, and deployed implementations scale from huge DEC Unibus cards to 19" rack-mount boxes to smaller, more integrated multichannel backplane cards. These implementations targeted systems such as VME and PCI, and today, target very small and highly integrated PCMCIA interfaces as well.

With the evolution of ASIC technology, specialized 1553 chip manufacturers further reduced the size of their implementations from discrete protocol and transceiver chipsets to single, low-profile and low-power ASICs.

However, it is Field-Programmable Gate Array (FPGA) core-based implementations that have made the biggest impact recently in today's avionics designs. The shift from 1553 ASIC designs to FPGA technology enabled the military to leverage state-of-the-art technology to address a number of design problems, including power consumption, weight, system real estate, and parts obsolescence management.

The emergence of COTS solutions

Commercial off-the-shelf (COTS) subsystems and components have made major in-roads into existing and planned weapons, communications, and military transport solutions. COTS solutions provide designers with easy access to products, the ability to respond quickly to feature requests, overall cost reduction, and the ability to leverage commercial technologies. These are all sound reasons to select a COTS solution for a military application.

The need for COTS in military avionics applications is obvious – cost control is paramount, development time must be minimized, and flexibility is desirable

for future upgrades and interfacing with other subsystems.

All of which is easy to say, but leaves military designers with a few major issues that COTS vendors have sought to address:

- Obsolescence of parts
- The viability of open-system architectures
- Whether the required degree of ruggedness can be achieved

The commercial sector tackles the issues

COTS vendors have faced the need to respond to three major concerns of

military avionics design engineers: obsolescence, integration, and durability.

Obsolescence is a major risk for all multi-year electronics production projects. Core-based intellectual property implementations for FPGA designs have proven to be an extremely viable response to this issue. Cores are pre-defined and tested functions that can be dropped into an FPGA design. The tremendous capability and capacity of modern FPGAs makes them ideal for 1553 designs. The result is smaller systems – meaning reduced footprint and weight, lower power consumption, higher reliability, and lower cost.

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Most importantly, FPGAs with an IP core dramatically mitigate parts obsolescence because designers are not tied to one specific part, or even a single FPGA manufacturer. Contrast this with sole-source, specialized protocol ASICs and processors, which can be discontinued at any time.

There is another subtle, but just as important, second-order benefit of this approach. Core implementations greatly reduce design risk by providing the ability to reprogram the hardware in the field. When system requirements

are changed or bugs need to be fixed, an FPGA-based design can be updated under software control.

What about integration considerations? Designers look for maximum flexibility so that they can easily integrate the core module into their design environment and test system architecture. COTS vendors have responded to this need with an array of software tools coupled with knowledgeable technical support.

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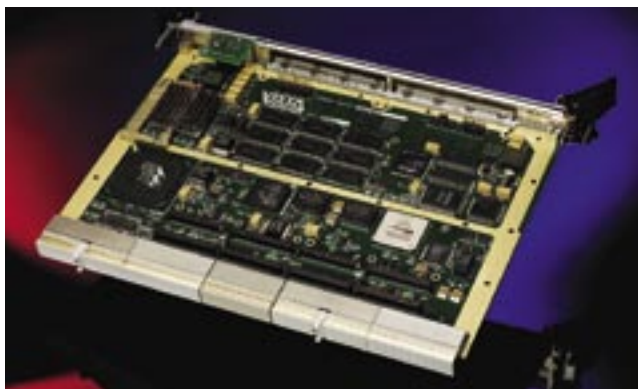
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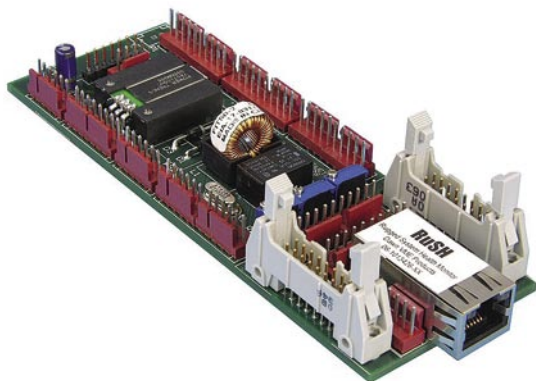
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The new PowerNode3 features dual and single Motorola PowerPC G4 7457 processors running at 1 GHz each, equipped with a 2-MB L3 cache and 2-MB private SRAM linked via a 133-MHz Avignon host bridge. Up to 1 GB onboard SDRAM is accessible at the local bus speed of 133 MHz. The new board provides two PCI Mezzanine Card (PMC) slots (one 64-bit 66-MHz and one 32-bit 33/43-MHz).

PowerNode3 is designed for connectivity, with an ALMA2e VME-PCI bridge that enables 2eSST data transfers at up to 180 MBps for VME board interconnection. Dual GigE interfaces and four asynchronous EIA-232/422/485 lines provide a range of high-speed networking and connection options. In addition, three differential 4x high-speed links are routed to the P0 backplane (as per PICMG 2.17), enabling the PowerNode3 CPU board to interconnect to fabric technologies based on the LVDS standard.

The PowerNode3 sets a new standard for low power consumption in a high-end node, with a typical draw of just 30W for dual CPU configuration, versus competitive boards that draw up to 60W (with 7455 1-GHz solutions). The new board is available in three convection-cooled versions (standard, extended temperature, and rugged) as well as a rugged conduction-cooled version for harsh environment applications.

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New SBC specification bridges to the future



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A new open standard for embedded computing was announced at the Embedded Systems Conference in March – a single-board computer standard that leverages current investment and simultaneously paves a smooth transition path to the future. Dubbed EPIC™ for Embedded Platform for Industrial Computing, the standard was cooperatively developed by Ampro Computing, Inc., Micro/Sys, Inc., Octagon Systems Corp., VersaLogic Corporation, and WinSystems, Inc., and it will soon be placed under the administrative umbrella of an independent technical standards body.

EPIC was developed to provide a missing link in the continuum of embedded system design today, as well as a bridge to future generations of systems. To date, developers of compact embedded systems have had a choice of two industry-standard form factors: the 13.5 square inches of PC/104 and PC/104-Plus with their 3.575" x 3.775" boards; and the 46" of EBX with its 5.75" x 8" form factor. The need for a form factor between these two has become evident, as numerous SBC companies have introduced products with mid-size form factors to suit their customers' requirements.

With the variations in sizes, connectors, and connector locations of these nonstandard mid-size boards, the benefits of open-architecture design have been lost to customers who can no longer rely on multiple sources for mechanically compatible SBCs to integrate into their system designs. EPIC provides a standardized alternative that eliminates the incompatibilities that have plagued this arena.

According to Eric Gulliksen, market analyst at Venture Development Corporation, "For years, the embedded single board computer market has suffered from the lack of a published mid-size motherboard standard. The

publication of the EPIC form factor specification and the commitment by five market leaders brings relief to system manufacturers who need consistency and

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EPIC nitty gritty

EPIC defines a 4.53" x 6.50" (115mm x 165mm) form factor, which has 29.4 square inches in total real estate and suits a broad range of applications for which EBX is too large a solution and PC/104-Plus would require multiple boards (refer to Figure 1). A multiple-board solution is, of course, always more expensive than a single-board design, and it also tends to reduce reliability, particularly in environments that are prone to extreme shock and vibration.

The new form factor is a little less than two-thirds the size of an EBX motherboard, enabling systems to be implemented with a significant savings in real estate. Additionally, at a little more than twice the size of a PC/104-Plus board, EPIC provides ample room for a leading-edge processor/memory subsystem, along with I/O expansion and appropriate connectors (see Figure 2). For I/O-intensive applications, connectors and cabling can become a major problem for small and mid-size SBCs.

EPIC was developed with this in mind, solving potential difficulties by incorporating four separate I/O connector zones. According to John McKown, President of Octagon Systems Corp., "The EPIC design brings the CPU out from under the PC/104 stack allowing extended temperature operation beyond 1 GHz and enough room for legacy connectors, rather than the fragile sub-1.5mm connectors used on newer, high-density PC/104-Plus cards. Cables to

these tiny connectors (made primarily for the consumer market) are difficult to terminate and rarely withstand the handling and vibration found in the industrial and transportation environments."

Leveraging investment into the future

Like EBX before it, the mezzanine bus standard adopted by EPIC is PC/104-Plus, enabling designers to tap into the many hundreds of PC/104 and PC/104-Plus

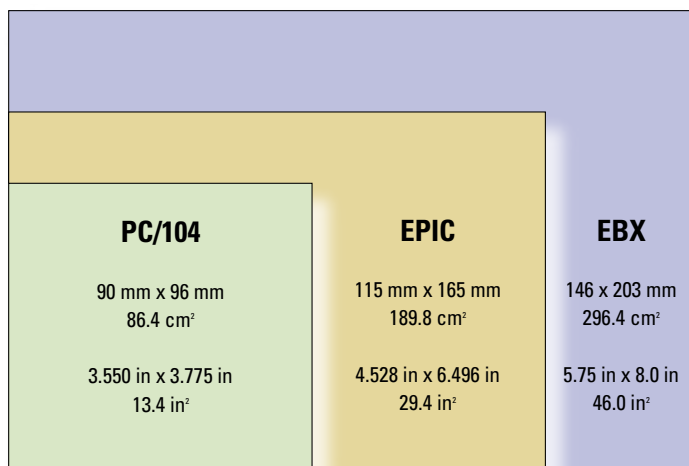


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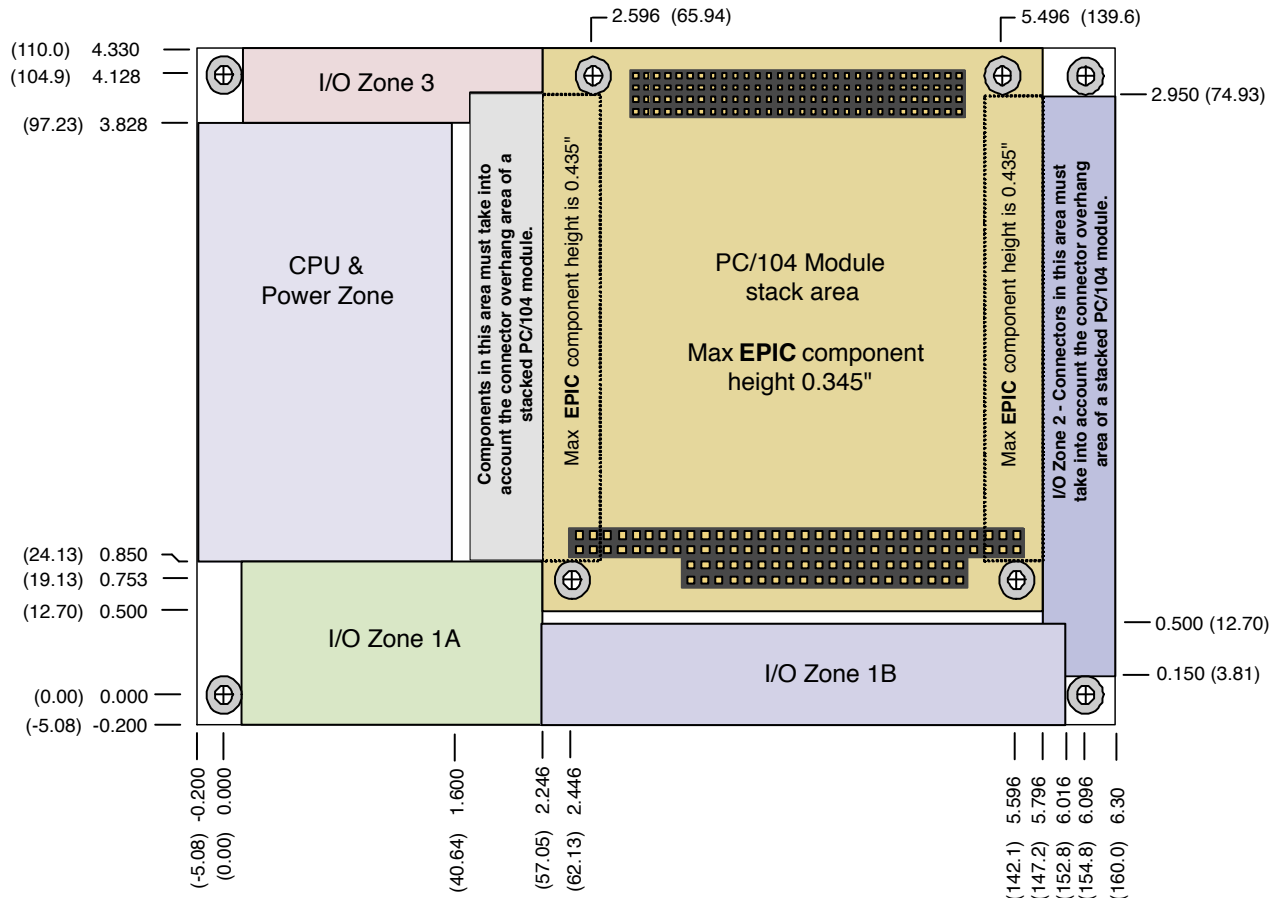


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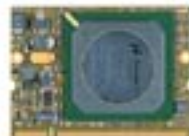
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I/O modules available from scores of vendors worldwide. EPIC is, in fact, expected to add longevity to the PC/104 and PC/104-Plus buses, as well as expand their application range. The EPIC standard, however, also has the flexibility to accommodate the coming transition from buses to switched-fabric architectures based on high-speed serial interfaces – an inevitable transition for some applications.

It is yet unclear as to which of the alternative high-speed serial interfaces the embedded computing community will adopt, and there are a number of candidates: PCI Express, for example, ExpressCard, and RapidIO. With its uniquely flexible architecture, as the status quo clarifies, EPIC will evolve appropriately, and users will be able to smoothly migrate their legacy ISA, PCI, PC/104, and EBX bus-based designs. One of the first EPIC



Figure 3

products, the XE-800, is based on a 300-MHz Pentium II processor, with six USB ports and a wealth of other legacy and industrial I/O (refer to Figure 3).

By bringing the benefits of both a standard mid-size form factor and advanced serial interconnects to the deeply embedded computing arena, EPIC will withstand the test of time, cutting across a broad range of applications, including automated test equipment, medical instrumentation, communications devices, transportation systems, semiconductor manufacturing gear, robotics, military systems, etc. EPIC cards are already on the market from three companies, with seven more committed to product introduction this year. The open specification is available at www.epic-sbc.org.



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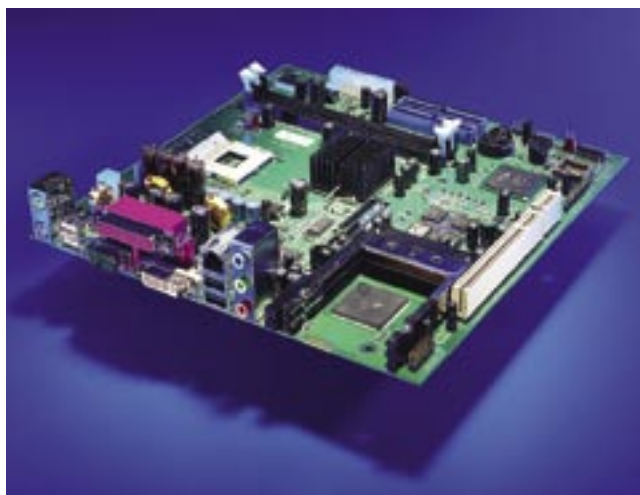
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- Extend PMC or PrPMC for test access
- 32-bit/33-MHz and 64-bit/66-MHz (3.3V or 5V)
- Metering functions show current, voltage, and BW use
- LEDs provide power and bus activity
- Test header for attaching logic analyzer (16 channels)

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The 3954 allows extension of a PMC or PrPMC to facilitate test access. With support for 32-bit/33-MHz and 64-bit/66-MHz (3.3V or 5V), the extender features metering capabilities for measuring and displaying current and voltage levels as well as bus bandwidth utilization/consumption. An operator can rotate through metering functions and sampling intervals using onboard switches. Meter design provides on-the-fly zeroing and calibration based on EEPROM resident parameters. LEDs show power and bus activity status. A 20-pin test header (compatible with HP termination adapters) allows connection of a logic analyzer (up to 16 channels).

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**4170****FEATURES:**

- Silicon Image 680 controller
- Accepts 2.5-inch ATA/IDE HD or solid-state disk
- Standard mounting
- Link activity LED
- Media optional

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- Enhanced second-generation, FPGA design
- Supports 64-bit/66-MHz PCI bus
- Reprogrammable by host or onboard Flash
- Variable SRAM architectures acceptable

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FEATURES:

- PMC-X to PCI-X adapter with bus metering functions
- Supports PCI (33/66 MHz) and PCI-X (66/100/133 MHz)
- Accommodates both PMCs and PIMs
- Multiple metering functions with LED readout
- Optimized design to preserve signal quality
- XCAP and M66EN signal support

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FEATURES:

- Adapts PMC or PMC-X modules to PCI or PCI-X
- Employs Intel 31154 bridge
- Supports PCI (33/66) and PCI-X (66/100/133)
- Rear I/O support
- LEDs show status of key PCI bus signals and power
- Accommodates external power

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- Designed for optimal signal quality
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- Accommodates external power
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- Intel 31244 controller
- PCI-X capable
- Status LEDs show link activity
- Onboard BIOS
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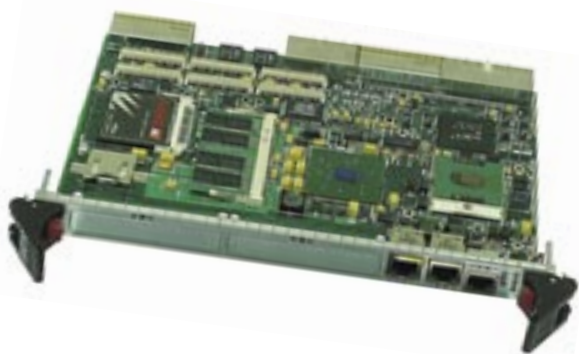
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VMICPCI-7806

FEATURES:

- Intel's Pentium M processor up to 1.8 GHz or Intel's Celeron M processor up to 1.3 GHz
- 6U single-slot universal controller with up to 1 GB of DDR SDRAM
- Dual 3.3V PMC sites (one for 64-bit/66-MHz PCI, and one for 32-bit/33-MHz PCI)
- Two GigE ports, two serial ports, two USB 2.0 ports, parallel and serial ATA, up to 1 GB of CompactFlash
- Meets PICMG 2.16 (CompactPCI Packet Switching Backplane) and PICMG 2.9 (IPMI) compliance
- Supports Windows 2000, Windows XP, QNX, Linux, and VxWorks operating systems

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The VMICPCI-7806 is a low-power SBC for robust, reliable, high-performance applications. Available with either Intel's Pentium M or Celeron M processor technology, the SBC features a 400-MHz system bus and incorporates Intel's 855GME graphics memory controller. The dual GigE port is user configurable for support via the front panel (RJ-45) or the backplane (J3) to comply with PICMG 2.16. Utilizing Intel's new highly integrated 6300ESB I/O controller hub, the VMICPCI-7806 offers two PMC sites, two serial ports, two USB 2.0 ports, parallel and serial ATA, and a CompactFlash option.

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VMIVME-7851

FEATURES:

- Intel Pentium 4 Processor-M offering speeds up to 2.2 GHz; 1.1 GHz extended temperature option
- Up to 1 GB SDRAM and up to 1 GB CompactFlash memory
- Up to three 5V PMC sites supporting 32-bit/33-MHz PCI bus speeds
- One 10/100/1000Base-T port, one 10/100Base-T port, two serial ports, and one USB 2.0 port
- SGVA/DVI-I, enhanced parallel port, and optional dual-channel Ultra160 SCSI and IDE hard drive
- Operating system support for Windows 2000, Windows XP, QNX, Linux, and VxWorks

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The VMIVME-7851 is a dual-slot VME SBC ideal for bandwidth intensive applications requiring multiple I/O interfaces. Operating at up to 2.2 GHz, the SBC integrates Intel's Pentium 4 Processor-M with up to three PMC expansion sites, an enhanced parallel port, and optional dual-channel Ultra160 SCSI and IDE hard drive capabilities.

The VMIVME-7851 provides a 400-MHz system bus, up to 1 GB of 200-MHz DDR SDRAM, as well as a front-panel video interface (DVI-I) for both digital and analog display support. An extended operating temperature option is available for those running temperature sensitive applications.

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VMIVME-7807

FEATURES:

- Intel Pentium M offering speeds up to 1.8 GHz and 1.5 GB DDR SDRAM
- One 3.3V PMC expansion site supports PCI-X at 66-MHz bus speed
- Dual GigE with optional VITA 31.1 support via P0
- One 10/100Base-T port, four serial ports, and four USB 2.0 ports
- SVGA/DVI, serial ATA, IDE, and up to 1 GB CompactFlash
- Operating system support for Windows 2000, Windows XP, QNX, Linux, and VxWorks



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The VMIVME-7807 is a highly flexible, high-performance SBC that integrates Intel's Pentium M processor with up to 1.5 GB DDR SDRAM, dual GigE (VITA 31.1 option) interfaces, and a PCI-X, 66-MHz PMC expansion slot for additional I/O options. Operating at up to 1.8 GHz, the SBC provides high bandwidth and processing power and is ideal for I/O intensive applications.

Utilizing Intel's highly integrated 6300ESB I/O controller hub, the VMIVME-7807 offers four serial ports, four USB 2.0 ports, serial ATA, IDE, and up to 1 GB of optional CompactFlash. SVGA and DVI support is also provided.

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SBCs



Vortex86 CE 5.0 SDK

FEATURES:

- Complete turnkey system works right out of the box
- Pre-configured Windows CE OS image, SDK and support files
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- Perform pre-development proof-of-concept quickly to reduce development costs and risk



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Vortex86 Windows CE 5.0 SDK is a CE development kit for x86 developers for the Vortex86 platform. Vortex86 is a System-on-Chip 486/166MMX equivalent processor that builds in video and audio in a single chip. Its hardware platform is an option in CE 5.0 platform builder. This kit can help developers evaluate and develop CE within the shortest time and for the lowest costs. For users who need TFT LCD solutions, VOX-AU084 SDK Open Frame Panel PC provides an LCD, touch screen, and fully functional 3.5" SBC. Vortex86-6047 can be easily packaged into the final products. Thin client developers can try eBox-II Learning Kit, which is equipped with VGA, LAN, audio, and I/O interfaces, and all drivers are ready.

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Removable BGA Heatsinks: EZ Snap™ Series

FEATURES:

- Offered in round pin, plate fin, elliptical fin, and square pin designs
- Standard BGA heatsinks range from 21mm to 45mm footprints
- Overall heights available from 0.28" to over 1.28" for low-, standard- and high-profile applications
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Radian's EZ Snap™ Heatsinks provide optimum cooling for various BGA chips and packages. Available in many size, height, and pin shape combinations, these off-the-shelf assemblies are high-efficiency, cost-effective solutions that require no special board modifications or complex assemblies.

Versatile package types

Radian's BGA Heatsinks are conveniently sized to fit BGA packages from 21mm to 45mm and a variety of chip heights. Standard overall heights range from 0.28" to over 1.28" high. Each lightweight assembly includes a black anodized aluminum heatsink, with selected clip and thermal pad options. Thermally conductive, double-sided adhesive pads are available for plastic, ceramic, and metal packages when clips are not required.

High efficiency solutions

Offered in various pin configurations, Radian's BGA Heatsinks are designed for optimum performance under diverse temperature and airflow environment demands. The low-profile round and square pin designs are ideal for maintaining unconstrained microprocessor performance when available space and/or weight are limited.

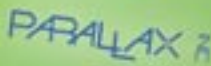
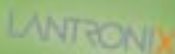
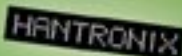
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The AVC-cPCI 3000 provides a rugged, yet highly flexible COTS computing platform suitable for a wide variety of avionic, vetronic, and navtronic applications requiring rock-solid reliability. Manufactured by dip brazing aluminum alloy (AlMgSi1), the AVC is both strong and lightweight. At its core, a robust COTS power supply, along with a PowerPC-based RL4 single board computer, easily integrates with other CompactPCI modules to deliver reliable, cost-effective performance.

At 3.5" (H) x 10.75" (W) x 12.8" (L), the AVC-cPCI is well suited for integration into tight spaces that typify rugged environments. External fins provide additional heat-sinking capability, allowing the system to take full advantage of surrounding airflow. To minimize radiative electromagnetic interaction with other systems, the AVC-cPCI utilizes EMI gasketing on both the front and rear panels. In addition, the use of MIL-C-38999 connectors serves to minimize conductive EM emissions and susceptibility.

Compatible with proven operating systems such as VxWorks, the RL4 also features onboard Ethernet, along with serial ports, watchdog timers, and DMA channels. The base configuration includes a 1553 interface, and high-speed serial and discrete I/O modules. For added reliability, SBS utilizes a cPCI transition module instead of a wiring harness.

The Advanced Vehicle Computer is designed to provide effective thermal paths to remove heat primarily through conduction. By careful selection of components, and component placement and mounting, SBS has qualified the AVC to operate in a vacuum at temperatures of up to 71°C.

SBS can provide a broad range of integration services ranging from shock, vibration, and thermal modeling to board level integration, software development, qualification, and acceptance.



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TS-5600 Single Board Computer

FEATURES:

- 133-MHz 586 – 32 MB RAM
- PC compatible x86
- PCMCIA socket 10/100Base-T
- 12-bit A/D and DAC options
- Bootable IDE CompactFlash
- 10-pin header provides access to SPI bus for low-cost attachment of p [what copy is missing here?]
- 23 digital I/O
- Alphanumeric LCD and matrix keypad
- Two RS-232 serial ports (RS-485 available)
- Single +5VDC supply
- PC/104 bus dimensions: 4.3" x 5.6"

New PC compatible SBC features a PCMCIA slot, 10/100Base-T, IDE CompactFlash, 12-bit A/D, 12-bit DAC, digital I/O, and more. The new TS-5600 is based on the 133-MHz AMD 5x86 with 32 MB of onboard high-speed SDRAM (64 MB available). The embedded PC BIOS provides the standard PC BIOS calls and redirects the console to a COM port.

The standard PCMCIA slot supports 802.11b Wi-Fi cards, cellular modems, and a wide variety of card-bus and PC cards, including modems, ATA hard drives, network cards, and various data acquisition cards.

The onboard 10/100Base-T adapter is connected via a PCI bus to provide high-bandwidth connection to Local Area Networks.

The system will boot to an IDE device in the form of CompactFlash. It also provides direct booting for Linux, DOS, QNX, Pharlap, SMX, etc.

Technologic Systems' embedded distribution of Linux can provide complete network connectivity and includes kernel drivers for analog I/O, digital I/O, watchdog timer, etc. TS-Linux is open-source GNU/Linux using a 2.4 kernel and the standard Glibc. Many binaries will copy directly from a desktop system to TS-Linux and will run without modification.

Analog options include an onboard, six-channel 12-bit A/D, and a two-channel 12-bit DAC.

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TS-7200 ARM-based SBC

FEATURES:

- 166-MHz Cirrus Logic EP9301 ARM with 32 MB RAM
- 8 MB onboard Flash
- PC/104 bus dimensions: 3.8" x 4.5"
- 10/100Base-T
- Two USB 2.0 full-speed ports
- Two RS-232 serial ports (RS-485 available)
- IDE CompactFlash
- 20 digital I/O pins
- SPI bus header
- Alphanumeric LCD and matrix keypad interface
- Single +5VDC supply – approximately 1.5W
- Eight-channel, 12-bit A/D option

The new TS-7200 ARM-based SBC combines the power of Linux on a RISC machine with the expansion capabilities of a PC/104 motherboard in a low-cost solution.

The processor is a Cirrus EP9301 ARM core running at 166 MHz and featuring 32 MB SDRAM and 8 MB of Flash. The RedBoot boot loader performs processor initialization and can provide a serial console for user configuration and development. RedBoot is capable of booting a Linux kernel stored in Flash and can also load a ramdisk file system from Flash. When a larger file system is required, the Compact Flash adapter provides expansion into the Gigabyte range.

The onboard 10/100Base-T adapter enables connection to Local Area Networks or the Internet and can be used to download new kernels and file systems to Flash. Two USB ports provide additional expansion and hot-plug capabilities.

Technologic Systems' embedded distribution of Linux can provide complete network connectivity and includes kernel drivers for analog I/O, digital I/O, alphanumeric LCD, matrix keypad, etc. TS-Linux is open-source GNU/Linux with a 2.4.26 kernel and the standard Glibc cross compiled for ARM.

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CP16 CompactPCI® SBC

FEATURES:

- Intel® Pentium® M processor – 1.6 GHz to 1.8 GHz (higher speeds as available)
- The Intel® E7501 chipset provides support for DDR200/266 memory
- The CP16 provides direct support for up to seven expansion CompactPCI slots at 32 bits/33 MHz
- The CP16 also provides up to four expansion slots at 64 bits/66 MHz
- PMC 32/64-bit, 33/66/100/133-MHz PCI/PCI-X option cards are supported
- Four 10/100/1000Base-T Ethernet ports; two are used for PICMG 2.16 support
- Local storage options for CompactFlash, Microdrive, and laptop hard drives
- Plug-in socket for a single ECC registered PC1600 or PC2100 DIMM module, 2 GB maximum
- The CompactPCI bus interface is turned off via bus switches in server blade applications
- Optional IPMI (PICMG 2.9, R1.0 support, and optional Dual Ultra320 SCSI)
- Supports hot swap (PICMG 2.1) and hot swap infrastructure (PICMG 2.12, R2)
- CP16 models that support the H110 backplane standard are also available

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Trenton's CP16 uses the Intel® Pentium® M processor to provide maximum processing and thermal performance. The processor's micro-architecture and power management features like Enhanced Intel SpeedStep® technology make this possible. Key features designed into the CP16 include a front access PMC slot, local storage options, quad GigE ports and support for up to 2 GB of DDR220/266 memory. A rear transition module, RTM25, is available with or without dual Ultra320 SCSI interfaces and provides rear access to the SBC's I/O ports and status LEDs.

Versatility is one of the hallmarks of the CP16. The SBC complies with a variety of PCI Industrial Computer Manufacturers Group (PICMG®) specifications including Packet Switching Backplane (PICMG 2.16), Hot Swap (PICMG 2.1 and 2.12), and Intelligent Platform Management Interface (IPMI, PICMG 2.9). PICMG compliance and features like a local storage option and the ability to turn off the CompactPCI® bus enable the CP16 to excel in a wide variety of either CompactPCI system board or server blade computing applications.

Like all Trenton products, the CP16 is backed by more than 25 years of embedded computer design experience, quality manufacturing, and fast product deliveries. The CP16 provides improved processing performance at elevated ambient temperatures while maximizing CompactPCI system reliability. Advanced storage, CompactPCI bus flexibility, and PICMG 2.16 support give the CP16 the versatility needed to operate as either a system board or as a server blade. The CP16's I/O features maximize system flexibility over a wide variety of network communication and device interface application requirements. Innovations such as expanded video capability make the CP16 an excellent choice for applications that have a wide variety of system requirements.



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FPGA104 & FPGA-PCI104

FEATURES:

- Altera Cyclone FPGA, 275-MHz core speed
- 4K, 12K, or 20K logic elements
- FPGA configured via onboard EEPROM, PC/104 bus, or JTAG cable
- Four symmetrical expansion connectors support four I/O daughterboards
- Total of 112 pins available for various digital and/or analog interface functions
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The FPGA104 & FPGA-PCI104 are field programmable gate array building platforms that are based on the Altera Cyclone FPGA family: 4K, 12K, or 20K logic element parts. Altera's free Quartus-II basic FPGA design software can be used by solution providers to define the circuit/system functions to be implemented by Tri-M Engineering's FPGA product family.

The FPGA104 & FPGA-PCI104 support up to four daughtercards, with each card location supporting interfaces with up to 28 I/O signals. Each daughtercard location is symmetrical. Daughtercards can encompass one or more daughtercard locations for greater I/O. For example, the FPDB-DEV uses all four daughtercard locations and has access to 112 I/O signals.

The FPGA104 is PC/104 compliant and is interfaced to the full PC/104 bus signals including memory and I/O mapped signals. The FPGA-PCI104 is PCI-104-compliant and has a full PCI 2.3 interface.

The onboard FPGA is configured via the onboard EEPROM, ISA/PCI bus, or the JTAG port. The configuration EEPROM can be programmed, independently of the FPGA, over the PC/104 bus, the PCI-104 bus, or via the JTAG port.

The FPGA104 and PCI104 have an onboard real-time counter/clock with SuperCap backup and a unique, read-only, 64-bit serial number ROM.

Included on the FPGA104 and FPGA-PCI104 are the connectors and physical layer circuits for 10/100Base-T and optionally for a 10/100/1000Base-T GIGJACK port, and an I2C/SMBus. Also included are a 50-MHz oscillator and an SMB connector for an external reference frequency source.

The FPGA104 and FPGA-PCI104 are powered from the ISA/PCI bus, or external 6-18VDC supply. Temperature range is 0°C to +85°C.

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VRM-CC9-X and VRM-CD2-X

FEATURES:

VRM-CC9-X:

- **CHIPSET:** Intel® i855 consisting of 82855 (GMCH), 82801D Controller Hub (ICH4), and 82802 (FWH)
- **I/O:** Onboard LPC/AC97 Super I/O, USB 2.0 overcurrent protected, audio interface connector, and 1 GB Ethernet
- **COMPACT PCI:** 32-bit PCI bridge chip PLX PCI 6150 (HB4), 133 MBps CompactPCI master

VRM-CD2-X:

- **MEMORY:** 200-pin SO-DIMM socket (notebook style module), PC2100/2700 DDR 266/333-SDRAM, 1 GB maximum
- **NETWORK:** Three independent Gigabit Ethernet controllers (82541); one Fast Ethernet controller (82562); PICMG® 2.16
- **STORAGE:** Ultra ATA/100 connector; dual serial ATA controller, onboard 2.5" hard-disk module, and onboard USB 2.0 FLASH
- **I/O:** Onboard LPC/USB/AC97 Super I/O, USB, and audio expansion interface connector
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- **Hot Swap controller, PICMG 2.12 Rev. 2.0**

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VRM-CC9-X

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VRM-CD2-X

This low-power, 6U CompactPCI® CPU board with the Intel® Pentium® M processor features an embedded graphics controller. The user can choose between a DVI-I receptacle or the classic VGA D-Sub connector. The Pentium® M (in particular, the low-voltage, 1.4-GHz chip) reduces the power consumption considerably compared to previous processor generations. The VRM-CD2-X is equipped with several USB 2.0 ports and four independent Ethernet controllers for high-speed networking up to 1000 Mbps. The PICMG 2.16 Packet Switching Backplane is also supported (Dual Link Port). For mass storage attachment, the VRM-CD2-X provides both Ultra ATA/IDE and S-ATA interfaces and a CompactFlash socket. A bootable onboard USB 2.0 Flash disk drive, up to 2 GB, is available as an option. Some additional options are rear I/O, PMC mezzanine card socket, or an onboard hard disk drive.



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Cobra Pentium® M SBC

FEATURES:

- High-performance/low-power, 1.6-GHz Intel® Pentium M processor
- Extreme Graphics 2 chipset for high-resolution/high-performance graphics
- 2-GB, high-speed DDR RAM capacity (in latching SODIMM sockets)
- 32 lines of TTL digital I/O standard
- Eight channel, 12-bit analog I/O option with interrupt capability
- 10/100Base-T or 10/100/1000Base-T
- Four USB ports with support for USB 1.1 and 2.0 devices
- Industry-standard EBX form factor with PC/104-Plus expansion site
- Simplified cabling with external paddle boards
- OEM-enhanced, field-upgradeable BIOS with reconfigurable defaults
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For very-high-performance applications, the EBX format "Cobra" is the answer. It combines a Pentium M processor with other high-throughput chips, to bring very-high-speed processing to this embedded platform. In addition, it boasts lower power (12-24W typical) than other boards in its class. With its 1.6-GHz Pentium M CPU, this impressive board outperforms 2.5-GHz Pentium IV products in benchmark tests for performance and power efficiency. Applications run faster and smoother with high-resolution graphics support and advanced memory allocation provided by the chipset and high-speed DDR RAM.

The Cobra can be run as a complete system without the need for additional boards or storage devices. It offers considerable onboard I/O, including dual GigE and analog/digital industrial I/O. Easy stacking expansion off the PC/104-Plus connector enables customized device integration and versatile system configurations. A CompactFlash socket provides convenient onboard removable media storage for nonvolatile memory needs.

An OEM-enhanced BIOS allows user control over default settings, field upgrades, boot device selection (including CD-ROM), and CPU speed settings. The Cobra is priced competitively at under \$2,000 in OEM quantities and is currently available from stock.

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Jaguar PC/104-Plus SBC

FEATURES:

- Celeron or Pentium processors, 350 MHz to 850 MHz
- AGP video with flat-panel support/LVDS output
- Up to 256 MB RAM in high-reliability latching DIMM socket
- Extended temperature and low-power versions
- Two 10/100Base-T ports
- Two USB ports
- Two COM ports
- TVS devices on the user I/O to protect the board from ESD damage
- Industry-standard EBX form factor with PC/104-Plus expansion site
- OEM-enhanced, field-upgradeable BIOS with reconfigurable defaults
- Scalable CPU speed settings for lower power consumption
- 32-pin DiskOnChip socket for onboard, non-mechanical storage

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The Jaguar is the best choice for applications where high performance is needed but space is at a premium. The compact, two-board PC/104-Plus module fits in tight spaces and still allows for additional PC/104-Plus expansion. Extended temperature and low-power versions are available for rugged environments and portable applications. Processor selections include a low-power 350-MHz Celeron, a 566-MHz Celeron, and an 850-MHz Pentium III. Board features include up to 256 MB SDRAM, DiskOnChip Flash, and video with flat-panel support. The Jaguar is designed for high reliability with built-in features such as TVS devices on the user I/O to protect the board from ESD damage and a CPU temperature sensor. The programmable CPU temperature sensor output can be used to turn on additional fans, create local or remote warnings, or take other action through software triggers. In addition, the CPU's effective operating speed can be "throttled back" to decrease the board's overall power draw. An OEM-enhanced BIOS allows user control over default settings, field upgrades, boot device selection (including CD-ROM) and CPU speed settings. The Jaguar is priced competitively at about \$1,000 in OEM quantities and is currently available from stock.

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A leading supplier of industrial computers since 1976, VersaLogic focuses on high-quality board level products for embedded OEM applications. Product lines include PC/104, PC/104-Plus, EPIC, EBX, and STD 32 bus. Our five-year product availability guarantee and outstanding warranties demonstrate a commitment to service. Industry-wide surveys recently rated our company a "Platinum" level embedded board vendor (2002 and 2003 VDC studies). Visit our website at www.VersaLogic.com.



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VSBC-8 EBX SBC

FEATURES:

- Celeron or Pentium processors, 350 MHz to 850 MHz
- AGP video with flat-panel support/LVDS output
- Up to 256 MB RAM in high-reliability latching DIMM socket
- 16 lines of opto-22 compatible industrial I/O
- Eight-channel, 12-bit analog I/O option with interrupt capability
- Two 10/100Base-T ports
- Two USB ports
- TVS devices on the user I/O to protect the board from ESD damage
- Industry-standard EBX form factor with PC/104-Plus expansion site
- OEM-enhanced, field-upgradeable BIOS with reconfigurable defaults
- Scalable CPU speed settings for lower power consumption
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The VSBC-8 is an excellent choice for OEM applications requiring fast processing and industrial I/O. The compact EBX board size, flexible configuration, range of processor options, and extended temperature/low power versions make it an extremely versatile board that works well in a large variety of applications. Processor selections include a low-power 350-MHz Celeron, a 566-MHz Celeron, and an 850-MHz Pentium III. Board features include up to 256 MB SDRAM, DiskOnChip Flash, video with flat-panel support, audio, industrial I/O, and PC/104-Plus expansion. The VSBC-8 is designed for high reliability with built-in features such as TVS devices on the user I/O to protect the board from ESD damage and a CPU temperature sensor. The programmable CPU temperature sensor output can be used to turn on additional fans, create local or remote warnings, or take other action through software triggers. In addition, the CPU's effective operating speed can be "throttled back" to decrease the board's overall power draw. An OEM-enhanced BIOS allows user control over default settings, field upgrades, boot device selection (including CD-ROM), and CPU speed settings. The VSBC-8 is priced competitively at under \$900 in OEM quantities and is currently available from stock.

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EBX SBC with Video and Dual Ethernet

FEATURES:

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WinSystems' EBC-C3 is an EBX-compatible, Pentium-based SBC offering a wide operational temperature range. It balances the conflicting goals of high performance without fans for cooling the CPU/chipset for industrial-grade SBCs.

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It supports expansion with PC/104 and PC/104-Plus connectors and with USB. The EBC-C3 board measures 5.75" x 8.0". It requires only +5V and typically draws 3.3 amps with 256 MB of SDRAM installed.

The EBC-C3 is designed to run both 16-bit and 32-bit x86 instruction set software. It is compatible with Microsoft's Windows® CE and XPEmbedded systems along with the applications that run on them. It also supports Linux and other PC-compatible x86 operating systems such as QNX and VxWorks.

Its PC software compatibility assures easy program development and checkout. Delivery is from stock to three weeks. Visit <http://www.winsystems.com> for additional product information.

The data sheet is located at <http://sbc.winsystems.com/products/sbcs/ebcc3plus.html>.




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MEN EM05 w/TM5900

FEATURES:

- 800-MHz Transmeta Crusoe TM5900 microprocessor
- SO-DIMM slot for up to 512 MB DDR RAM, 4 MB Flash, and 4 Kb Serial EEPROM
- CompactFlash socket and IDE port for hard-disk drives
- Two 10/100Base-T ports with two RJ-45 connectors or single nine-pin D-Sub connector
- Two RS-232 serial interfaces (COM1/COM2) with two RJ-45 connectors or single nine-pin D-Sub connector
- Onboard ALTERA FPGA allows configuration of custom I/O with no hardware redesign

The MEN EM05 is a complete embedded single-board computer for industrial applications. The EM05's 800-MHz Crusoe TM5900 from Transmeta is Pentium-like with an integrated Northbridge. The TM5900's low power (typically < 5W) and long-term availability (> 5 years) makes it especially attractive to OEMs in the industrial, medical, transportation, and commercial sectors. The EM05 has sockets for DDR RAM SO-DIMM and CompactFlash. On the front panel are two RS-232 serial ports and two Fast Ethernet ports, with either RJ-45 or nine-pin D-Sub connectors. Other I/O: USB, IDE, and PS/2 ports can be routed to the I/O connector of the EM05 by means of an FPGA. I/O connectors are available on a carrier board. Additional I/O such as serial interfaces, CAN bus controllers, protocol converters, touch controllers, etc., can also be implemented in the FPGA.

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One size doesn't fit all



By Jeffrey Russell, Carlo Gavazzi Mupac, Inc.

The electronic packaging industry in North America is facing new challenges from a plethora of new VITA and PICMG specifications and the wider adoption of white boxes. System packaging customers are attracted to white boxes for their ever-increasing capabilities and low cost. However, markets such as military and telecommunications still require specialized packaging for embedded systems. In these cases, one size doesn't fit all.

The electronic packaging industry is facing the increasing challenge of adhering to strict guidelines within VITA and PICMG specifications while still meeting custom requirements. Ironically, the larger the spec means more room for variation and a greater opportunity for customization within the electronic packaging industry.

Early specifications, like the VME and MultiBus, focused on the bus architectures. Today's specifications from PICMG define the mechanics in a much greater way. Beyond the bus and mechanical elements, recent specifications define system and shelf management details leading to a perception that there will not be a need for proprietary solutions. In contrast, CG Mupac believes there are still many opportunities for custom electronic packaging solutions within the new standards.

During the recent economic slowdown, CG Mupac saw customers, especially in the military sector, extending the life of existing programs and selectively starting new programs with mature technologies like VME. The adoption of the newer PICMG specifications was minor during this period. Likewise, we found that our customers were looking to a single vendor to outsource their highly integrated packaging solutions

because of their reduced staffing levels and constrained internal resources. Fortunately, we have seen a greater willingness throughout the past six months to adopt and invest in new technologies as programs ramp up.

Resurgence of VME

Despite the consideration of VME being on the decline in recent years, it has had a healthy resurgence due to its advancements – from VME64 extensions through the new VITA fabric specs. For example, the ability for additional I/O through the P0 connector has been a critical enhancement. We have noticed military adoption of the PICMG specs but we continue to see new programs requiring VME and custom packaging solutions.

The marketplace, especially in North America, demands that electronic packaging companies maintain an expertise in the MIL specifications and be able to package both MIL spec and commercial components that meet MIL shock, vibration, and ruggedization requirements.

CG Mupac's series of ATR chassis is a good example of a product that is designed to meet the requirements of the ARINC 404A/MIL-STD-91403. We determined that we could supply products with market differentiators while maintaining the integrity of the MIL spec. Through an innovative heat spreader, we have achieved up to 135W of power from the power supply while the chassis is at 50°C. During the design process of this chassis, we employed thermal simulation to optimize the size and location of the heat spreaders, which are responsible for conducting heat away

from the chassis' power supply and board area. A second innovation against the long-standing specification was the chassis' internal rack infrastructure, designed to support the popular DIN mechanical specification, which enables our ATR chassis to fit with VME, VME64X, and CompactPCI backplanes.

New telecom specification: AdvancedTCA

Like the military sector, the telecom industry is seeing customization start where the mechanical standards end. As the telecom market rebounds, the long-standing Nebs and ETSI Telco packaging standards are not only intact, but also are complemented by the AdvancedTCA specifications.

CompactPCI met many, but not all, of the telecom requirements and came to fruition at a difficult time in our economy. AdvancedTCA is the first PICMG

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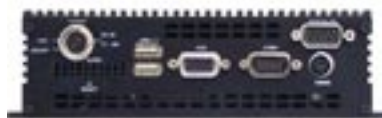
specification developed specifically to meet telco and central office needs. 2004 has seen the maturation of the AdvancedTCA specifications and many

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Back View



Front View

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- (4) USB 2.0 ports, (2) USB 1.1 ports
- (2) serial ports, Video Interface
- 30Gbytes ~ 80Gbytes Hard Drive
- Compact Flash up to 6 Gbytes
- Extruded Aluminum case
- Audio port
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- 5.75" x 7.25" x 2.0" form factor
- **Operated from 7V ~ 28V DC-IN**

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new product offerings at the board and packaging levels. As a founding member of the Pigeon Point Sentry Shelf Management Consortium, CG Mupac has been able to provide and deploy complete packaging solutions in various configurations for the past year.

The AdvancedTCA specifications have stressed the critical nature of shelf management to all packaging solutions. Looking forward, we expect AdvancedTCA to address more than 80 percent of next-generation telecom applications. From a two-slot dual star to a 20-slot full mesh configuration with redundant power supplies, the possibilities with AdvancedTCA are endless.

Even in the context of ever-more explicit standards, there will be hundreds, if not thousands, of custom requirements against the specifications. Like others in the electronic packaging field, CG Mupac cannot ignore the movement toward offshore manufacturing for reduced pricing and the commoditization of electronic packaging. We must embrace the new role we play in the embedded industry and evolve to meet

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its needs. We must remain committed to the standards organizations and continue to drive specifications as we work to exceed the specs in partnership with our customers.

Jeffrey Russell joined Carlo Gavazzi Mupac, Inc. in 1986 where he has held various positions in engineering, sales, and marketing. He holds a degree in mechanical engineering and is the company's President and CEO since 1993.

CG Mupac specializes in standard or custom AdvancedTCA, CompactPCI, PCI/ISA, and VME electronic packaging solutions. For more details about the company, its products, and services, visit www.cgmupac.com.

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BACKPLANE



Model 5004 CPCI BP

FEATURES:

- LH "system-only" slot, five "peripheral + single-link port node" slots, and one "fabric-only" slot
- Supports full-duplex, single-pinout data rate of 10~1000 Mbps up to two links per slot, and 2000 Mbps per slot
- Jumper selectable shelf address
- Supports both CompactPCI bus and CompactPCI/PSB link-ports hot swap
- Supports high availability functionality defined by PICMG® 2.1
- Utility headers mounted on backside of PCB provide monitoring of tach fans, temperature sensors, and system voltages


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Model 5004 is the newest model in Dawn's CompactPCI 2.16 Packet Switching Backplane series that also complies with PICMG's 2.0 Rev. 3.0 specification. This model features seven total slots comprising a system-only slot, a fabric-only slot, and peripheral+ node slots. Onboard utility headers provide direct connection to tach fans, temperature sensors, and all output voltages, reducing chassis cabling complexity. Power is delivered to the backplane via heavy-duty power bugs and an "ATX" connector. As with all Dawn backplanes, Model 5004 contains a generous amount of decoupling capacitors. PCB construction is microstrip/stripline with 2-oz. copper planes to reduce voltage drop. Contact Dawn for pricing.

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BACKPLANE



CPCI 2.1 R3.0 Series

FEATURES:

- 3U and 6U models available from stock
- Two through eight slots standard
- User-selectable VI/O via power bugs on backplane: +3.3VDC or +5VDC
- Power delivery system: power bugs, bus-bar (selected models) and "ATX" style connector (selected models)
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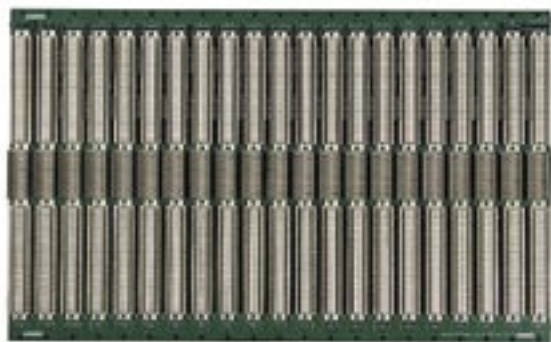
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BACKPLANE



9000 Series

FEATURES:

- Available in 2 to 21 slots; choice of power feeds
- Meets or exceeds ANSI/VITA 1.1-1997, VME Extensions
- Optimized signal line impedance using microstrip/stripline PCB construction
- Models may be ordered with or without J0 I/O connectors
- Manual or automatic electronic BUSGRANT/IACK jumpering
- Design allows multiple backplanes in a single chassis without loss of slots


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BACKPLANE



12U ATCA Chassis

FEATURES:

- 19" rack mount, fully compliant to PICMG 3.0. 12U x 444mm x 385mm (H x W x D)
- NEBS-ready, STP-compliant construction; 14-slot dual star backplane, 2 HMB, 12 node slots
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- Dual 48VDC input power entry modules (100 amps); dual plug removable shelf managers
- 500 LFM per slot (40 CFM); 15°C maximum rise


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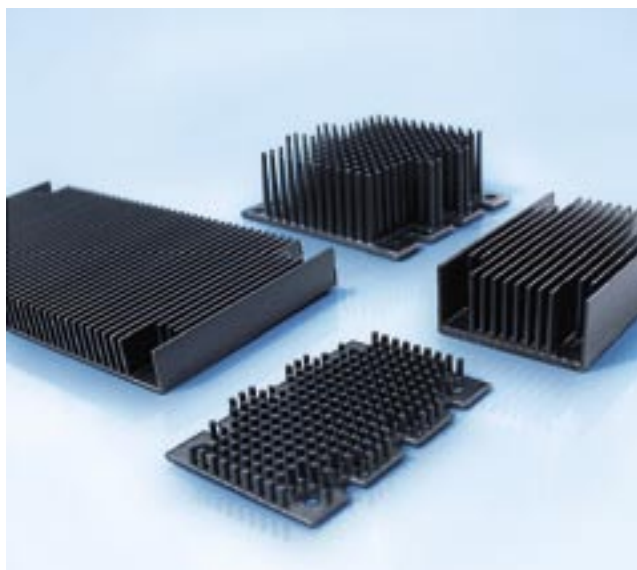
With the development of Elma's newest PICMG 3.0-compliant 12U ATCA chassis, the company now has four enclosure models with various configurations in 4U, 5U, 12U, and 13U heights and includes a wide range of backplane, shelf management, and other options. The backplane includes a 14-slot dual star configuration with a section below the cards for plugging in power entry modules and fan trays. Elma incorporates its modular design and creative concepts to offer the most flexible, high performance AdvancedTCA products on the market. Visit www.elma.com for more information about the company's AdvancedTCA chassis, backplanes, shelf managers, and accessories. Order No. 11A14FGXC8Y4VMXX.

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MX8 Single Board Computer

FEATURES:

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- The MX8 uses the Intel® 875P chipset featuring Intel® PAT & Intel® CSA
- 400/533/800-MHz front-side bus (FSB) dual channel DDR266/333/400 memory
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Trenton's MX8 single board computer is a PICMG 1.0 SBC that features the latest Intel® Pentium® 4 processor options and the Intel® 875P chipset. This combination brings an extraordinary level of processing speed, system value, and I/O functionality to embedded computing applications. The processor's new 90nm manufacturing process provides greater processing efficiencies, a larger data cache memory, and faster system bus support. The SBC's chipset supports a 400/533/800-MHz system bus, GigE, PCI-X, Serial ATA, and DDR266/333/400 memory. The chipset's AGP 4x video connection to a 16-MB ATI® video controller gives the MX8 the power for demanding video applications.

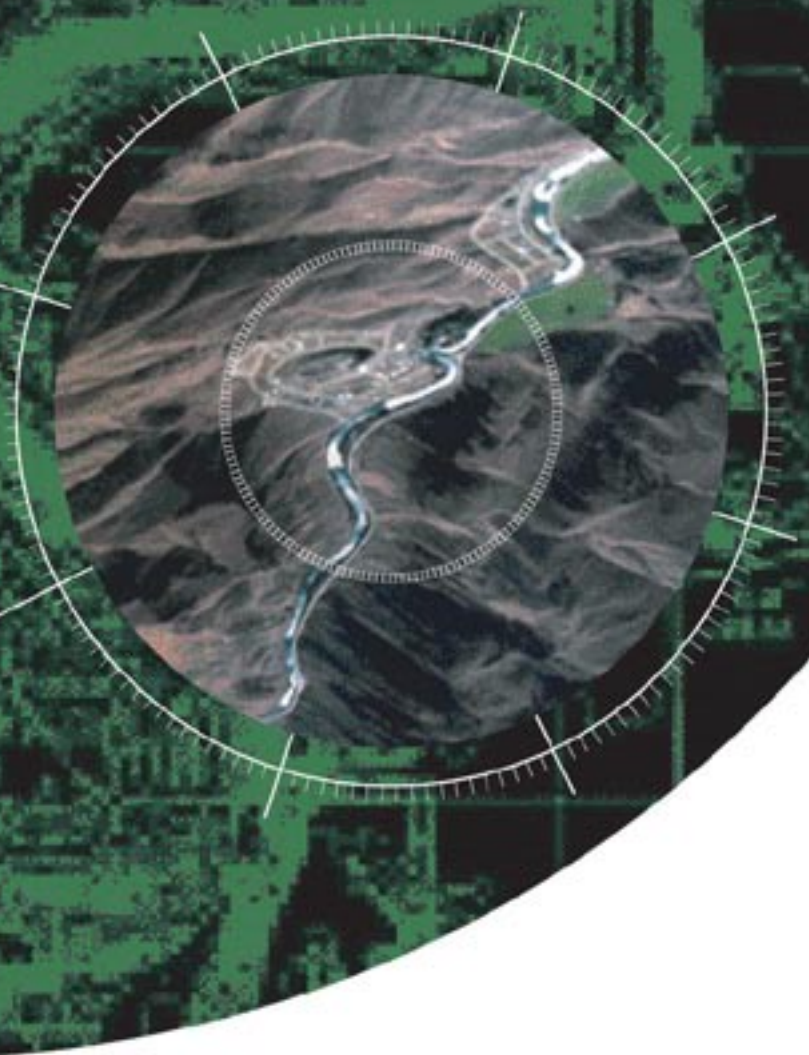
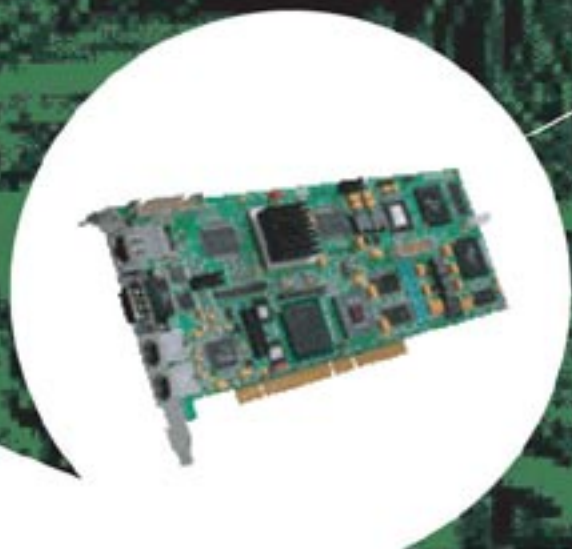
Intel® Communication Streaming Architecture (CSA) enables a high-speed 10/100/1000Base-T Ethernet interface that connects directly to the MX8's Memory Controller Hub (MCH). Connecting directly to the MCH via CSA approximately doubles the peak available bandwidth and provides a low-latency path to memory that increases network performance. The MX8's chipset supports Intel® Performance Acceleration Technology (Intel® PAT). Intel® PAT provides a faster data path between the processor cache memory and the DDR system memory when using an 800-MHz system bus and DDR400 memory.

The MX8 supports new PCI-X and PCI option cards, as well as legacy ISA option cards. Enabling PCI-X, PCI, and ISA option card communications makes the MX8 the ideal SBC for implementing new systems and for upgrading older systems. The features and capabilities designed into the MX8 single board computer provide the flexibility needed for a wide variety of embedded computing applications. Like all Trenton products, the MX8 is backed by more than 25 years of embedded computer design experience, quality manufacturing, and fast product deliveries.

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Using AMC modules to customize AdvancedTCA systems

By David Greig, SBS Technologies®, Inc.

Telecom systems based on existing PCI, CompactPCI, and VME architectures are quickly losing their capacity to satisfy the performance-hungry requirements of the latest telecom applications. As data traffic consumes more of a telecom's bandwidth – recently, about 80 percent of total telecom traffic – the requirements for higher performance equipment in the central office to direct and process telephone calls and data traffic are ever increasing.

To answer this need for speed, the PCI Industrial Computer Manufacturers Group (PICMG) created the Advanced Telecom Computing Architecture (AdvancedTCA). It is defined in the PICMG 3 specification as an open board, backplane, and software specification designed for the next generation of telecommunications and data center equipment. The principle objective of AdvancedTCA is to provide standardized platform architecture for carrier-grade telecommunication and data center

applications, with support for carrier-grade features such as the Network Equipment Building System criteria, the European Telecommunications Standards Institute telecommunications standards, and 99.999 percent availability.

Off-the-shelf telecom equipment

For a better off-the-shelf alternative to today's proprietary telecom equipment, AdvancedTCA is a comprehensive specification that includes specifications for a larger form factor, shelf – or chassis – system management functions, hot-swap capability, and high-speed interconnections such as InfiniBand technology and PCI Express, among others.

AdvancedTCA boards, or blades, are larger than the typical VME or CompactPCI boards in use today. For example, AdvancedTCA boards are 8U high or about 13" (332.25mm) and about 11" (280mm) deep, providing about 2.5 times more board area than a 6U VME

or CompactPCI board. This larger board area offers support for the latest higher performance microprocessors, which require large heat sinks.

The AdvancedTCA Mezzanine Card (AMC) specification – the module specification for AdvancedTCA – allows telecom equipment vendors to enable higher system speeds, greater flexibility, and better reliability for the new AdvancedTCA-based telecom systems coming into the market.

AMC.0 is the base specification for AMC, defining parameters such as module outline, connector mechanicals, and available power. There are a number of subsidiary specifications that address specific applications, including:


- PCI Express interconnect (AMC.1)
- Ethernet links (AMC.2)
- Storage devices (AMC.3)

AMC.0 and AMC.1 will likely come up for ratification at the PICMG Executive Board meeting scheduled for September.

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Using AMC modules

to customize AdvancedTCA systems

AMC.2 ratification should follow sometime in January 2005.

Compatibility with existing mezzanine modules

The AdvancedTCA specification permits deployment of existing PMC modules, giving a significant advantage to companies such as SBS Technologies

that already have a large selection of PMC modules for the telecom sector. For example, SBS supplies the IB4X-PMC-2 InfiniBand Host Channel Adapter and the Maxim 921-DS PMC for full-duplex channelized DS3 connectivity, among others, enabling telecom embedded developers to start customizing existing AdvancedTCA systems right away.

Although PMC modules extend existing telecom equipment and can work with

today's AdvancedTCA systems, the increased capabilities of application-specific AMC modules give embedded developers the flexibility to upgrade and customize telecom systems with more options than ever before and with significant advantages over PMC modules such as larger board area, hot swap capability, system management interoperability, and increased power capacity.

AMC modules provide an expansion interface for AdvancedTCA blades that increases telecom system flexibility, scalability, and cost efficiency, and fulfills just about any telecom application including network processing, increased data throughput, line management, and mass storage devices. Because an AMC module is a hot-swappable mezzanine card, a technician can quickly exchange the card, enabling easy replacement of only the malfunctioning portion of an AdvancedTCA blade, instead of the whole blade, thus reducing system downtime and operating costs.

David Greig, President and Chief Operating Officer, SBS Technologies, Inc., held positions of vice president and president of SBS Commercial Group before his appointment to his current position. Before joining SBS, Dave was president of the Perle Customer Engineering Division of Perle Systems and later served as president of Perle's U.S. operations. Previously, he was the founder and president of Toronto-based Greig-Power Co., Ltd., a custom electronic system developer. Dave holds the equivalent of a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Ryerson Polytechnical Institute in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

SBS Technologies, Inc., a leading provider of embedded computing technology, is ideally situated to offer embedded developers a full family of I/O and communication products and complete, integrated systems based on Intel® and Motorola® processors that will take full advantage of the capabilities the AMC specification adds to AdvancedTCA telecom systems. For more information, visit www.sbs.com.

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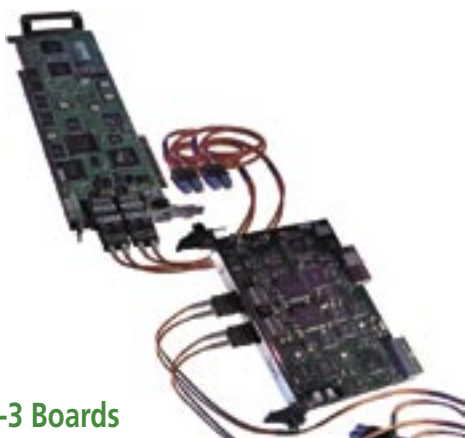
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NETWORK HARDWARE



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NETWORK HARDWARE



MAXIM 520 Line

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SWITCHES



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SWITCHES



CP920

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- Complies to PICMG 2.16 fabric slot and PICMG 2.9 IPMI



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The CP920 is a full-wire-speed, managed Layer 2/3/4 CompactPCI switch providing an all-gigabit solution for high-availability PICMG 2.16 systems with 24 ports of GigE routed to the rear I/O. In addition, the CP920 offers Layer 3 support for routing and Layer 4-7 packet classification and filtering. All the ports are switched ports.

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AT922 ATCA Hub

FEATURES:

- 48 1000Base-T ports in the AdvancedTCA 8U form factor; IPMI-compliant according to PICMG 3.0 specification
- Dual PMC slots are compliant to PICMG 2.15 (dual GigE connected to the fabric)
- Four 10/100/1000Base-T copper and four 1000Base-T fiber ports to the front panel
- Four 10/100/1000Base-T copper ports to the rear I/O
- VLAN support, rapid spanning tree, link aggregation/failover, IP multicast, QoS, 802.3ad, and advanced packet filtering
- PICMG 3.0- and PICMG 3.1-compliant

The AT922 is a 48-port AdvancedTCA hub board supporting GigE switching. It is suitable for use in a dual star AdvancedTCA chassis, as defined by the PICMG 3.0 and PICMG 3.1 specifications, for both the base and fabric ports. The AT922 has 12 I/O gigabit ports: eight ports interfacing to the front panel, and four to the rear transition card. The Ethernet ports connect to the redundant system shelf managers.

The AT922 is a single-fabric solution with all 48 ports in the same switch fabric. This configuration enables the I/O ports and PMC/AMC I/O daughtercards to provide resources to either the base or fabric ports.

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The new PICMG 1.3 specification – Bringing PCI Express to an SBC near you



By Michael Bowling, Trenton Technology Inc.

All too often committees create new embedded computing specifications with only a vague idea about what problem the specification is trying to solve. With PICMG 1.0 and 1.2 SBCs or System Host Boards (SHBs) and backplanes, many system designers are running into the inherent bandwidth limitations of parallel bus technology, especially when designing systems using the latest high-performance processors and chipsets. The PICMG 1.3 specification solves the bandwidth problem by replacing the SHB to backplane parallel bus interfaces with high-speed serial links. The specification corrects data bottlenecks, maintains backward compatibility with PCI and PCI-X option cards, provides additional power to the PICMG 1.3 edge connector, and offers advanced features such as IPMI, Serial ATA, USB, and Ethernet connections from the PICMG 1.3 SHB's edge connectors to the PICMG 1.3 backplane. The ubiquitous PICMG 1.0 system has long been a mainstay in the embedded computing industry due to its ability to support a large number of different option cards and system peripherals, while providing long MTBFs, fast MTTRs, long-life embedded component support, and flexible system designs. PICMG 1.3 continues that legacy while providing a faster system platform that maintains support for today's PCI/PCI-X option cards as well as PCI Express cards. The PICMG 1.3 specification replaces the PICMG 1.0 ISA/PCI bus combination with PCI Express and/or PCI/PCI-X interfaces to the backplane.

PICMG 1.3 overview

The PICMG 1.3 system host board interfaces to PCI Express peripherals on a backplane. Multiple PCI Express links to the backplane can operate at x1, x4, x8, or x16 depending on the capabilities of both the SHB and the backplane. Edge connectors A and B are the SHB's PCI Express links to the backplane. See Figure 1.

Today's PCI and PCI-X option cards can take advantage of the high-speed serial links, streamlined interconnects, and robust protocol that PCI Express offers in the PICMG 1.3 specification via PCI Express-to-PCI/PCI-X bridge chips on the backplane. The specification also accommodates an optional 32-bit PCI/PCI-X connection for supporting passive (such as no bridge) backplanes. The PCI/PCI-X clock rate between the SHB's optional connector D and the

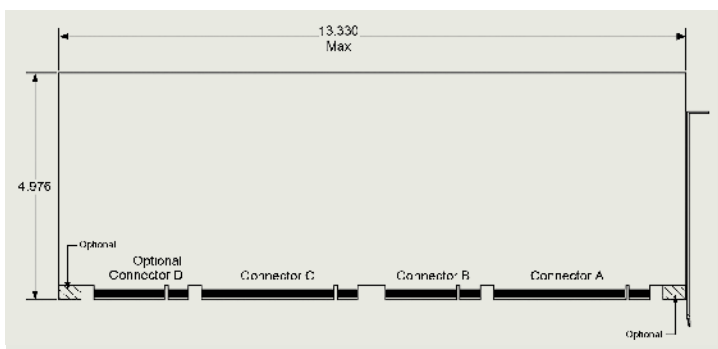


Figure 1

backplane can be 33 MHz, 66 MHz, 100 MHz, or 133 MHz, depending on the backplane's and the SHB's design.

SHB connector C contains extra edge connector contacts for additional power. The specification also features optional SHB to backplane interfaces for:

- SATA
- USB
- IPMB
- SMBUS
- Geographic addressing
- Power management

These features are available to the system designer to implement as needed. Figure 1 illustrates the full-size PICMG 1.3 SHB with all of the edge connectors defined. Figure 2 shows the half-size version.

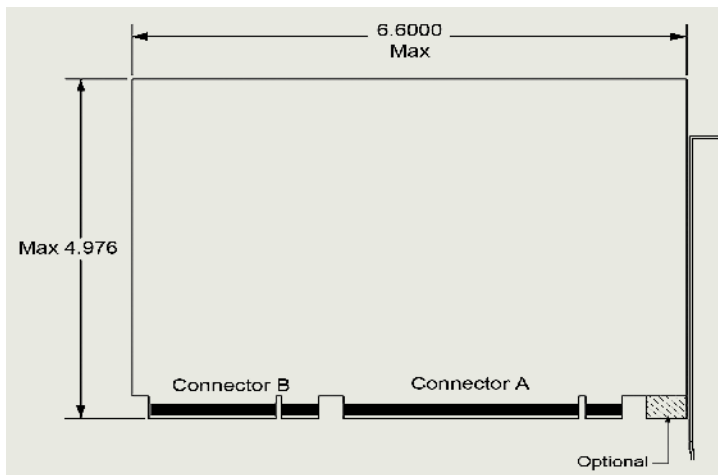


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The PCI Express SHB to backplane configuration options offered by the PICMG 1.3 specification are designed to meet the needs of a wide variety of embedded computing applications. The flexibility built into the specification provides support for today's PCI and PCI-X option cards and the latest PCI Express card offerings. Provisions designed into the specification also provide future Advanced Switching option card support.

"The specification's flexibility allows system designers to protect their organization's investment in PCI and PCI-X technology while taking advantage of the speed and increased bandwidth of PCI Express."

PICMG 1.3 ratification timetable and summary

As I write this article, the key components of the PICMG 1.3 SHB and backplane specification are defined and complete. The final agreement on the specification's components among the twenty companies that make up the PICMG 1.3 Technical Subcommittee is in process. The subcommittee is planning final approval of the specification for the fall of 2004. PICMG 1.3 SHBs and backplanes will be available from multiple embedded computing vendors in the late 2004 and early 2005 time frame.

These new, innovative embedded computing products will bring an improved level of PCI Express functionality and performance to industrial computing platforms. The PICMG 1.3 Technical Subcommittee has developed the PICMG 1.3 specification with maximum flexibility in mind. The specification's flexibility allows system designers to protect their organization's investment in PCI and PCI-X technology while taking advantage of the speed and increased bandwidth of PCI Express.

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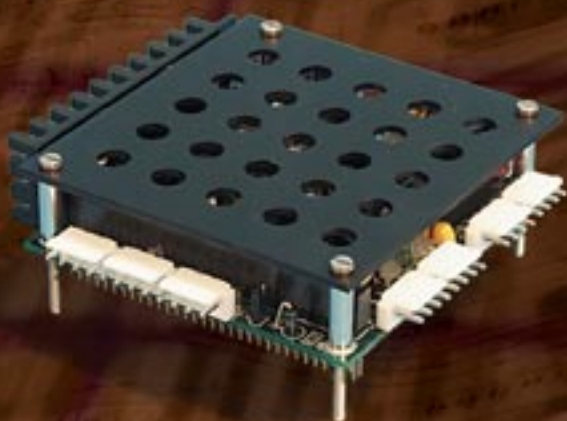
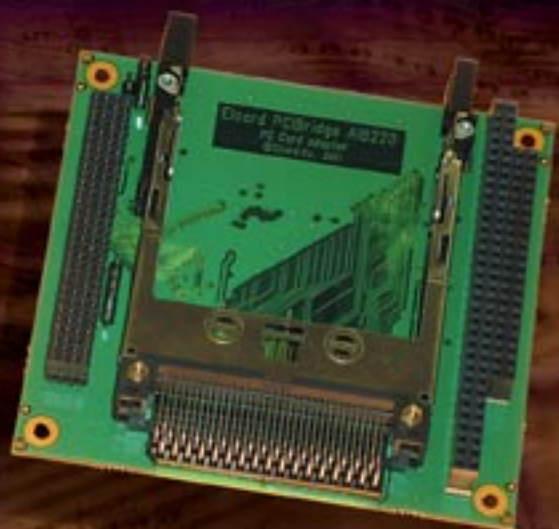
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Diversified DSPs fit every market space

By Ray Simar, Digital Signal Processing Semiconductor Group, TI

Only a decade ago, most designers considered DSPs esoteric, tightly focused products that were more useful in the lab than in the real world. DSPs were relatively expensive then and did not have a wide base of development support. Consequently, application areas were tightly defined, and many designers avoided the devices, which they perceived as difficult to work with.

What a change a few years can make. Today DSPs have become mainstream products, with developers widely using them in a variety of application areas, from telecom infrastructure to wireless handsets, from automobile engines to consumer audio entertainment, from digital cameras to Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), and from motor control to video compression. What's more, the list keeps growing, as system designers continue to find innovative uses for DSPs, widening the range of applications far beyond anything imagined just a few years ago. Developer requirements have pushed and continue to push DSPs to new levels of performance that in turn create the opportunity for further widening the application range.

More tools – more DSPs

The remarkable success of DSPs comes from significant increases in integration and performance, along with steady reductions in price and power consumption. In addition, DSP development support today rivals that of long-established, general-purpose microprocessors. DSP system designers can now count on having available Integrated Development Environments (IDEs), highly efficient compilers for high-level languages, Real Time Operating Systems (RTOSs), software reference frameworks, a wide variety of off-the-shelf algorithms, and networks of third-party developers offering tools and services that supplement those

of DSP vendors. All of these factors working together have created a critical mass for digital signal processing, so that DSP-based products are appearing everywhere, with no end in sight to the innovation.

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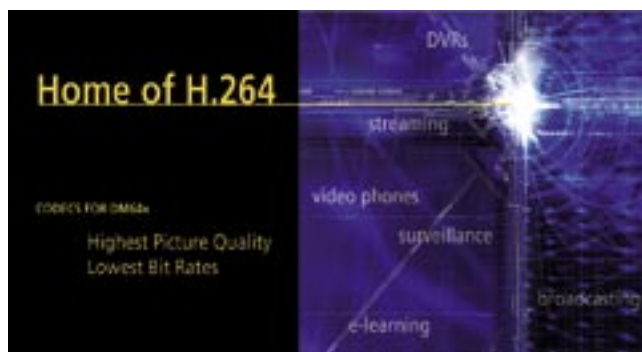
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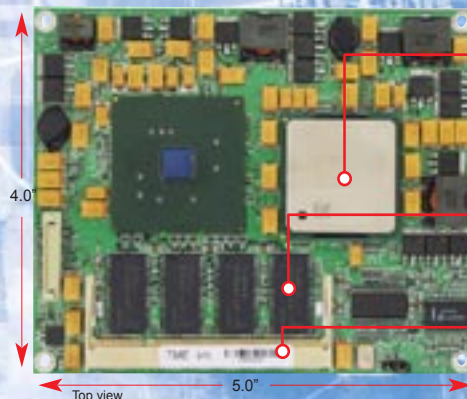
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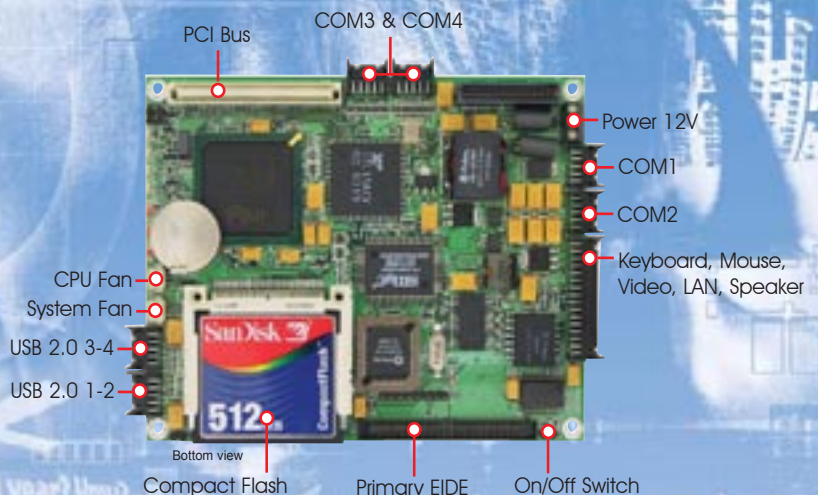
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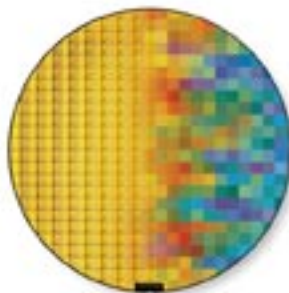
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Homeland security and embedded software



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With homeland security a national priority in post 9/11 America, the growing use of embedded devices in sensitive systems represents a major area of vulnerability. The proliferation of Internet connected embedded devices has created opportunities for malicious users to exploit security weaknesses in embedded software to gain access to sensitive systems. For example, intruders can access classified information, bring down a critical system, or gain control and modify its behavior in dangerous ways. Even embedded devices not directly on the Internet can be accessible through dial-up ports or through local private networks, all of which can be accessible through PCs with networks possibly connected to the Internet. As a result, developing highly secure embedded systems is imperative to ensure the safety of our country's critical infrastructures.

Many embedded devices are located in areas critical for homeland security, from the power grid and the communications infrastructure to power utilities, railroads, and chemical and nuclear plants. These embedded devices include Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition Systems (SCADA), Programmable Logic Controllers (PLCs), digital controllers, communications switches, and intelligent devices of many kinds.

Bullet-proof OS

Clearly, there is an urgent need to ensure that the embedded software in such devices is highly secure. For this, it is essential that the embedded operating system (OS), which provides the foundation for all embedded application software, be bullet proof. Otherwise, any added security mechanisms implemented in the embedded software, such as encryption or biometric authentication, could be bypassed or compromised.

The traditional approach to commercial operating system security has been "Penetrate and Patch." Hackers discover OS vulnerabilities and exploit them with attacks such as viruses, worms, and Trojan horses. OS vendors then scramble to develop and release patches to fix the vulnerabilities, which must then be applied expeditiously to all deployed systems. "Penetrate and Patch" is even more challenging for embedded devices, many of which have the software embedded in Read Only Memory (ROM) and are intended to be treated by users as dumb boxes rather than intelligent computers. A solution is to provide "Protection in Depth," where systems are designed to be highly secure and a methodology is in place for providing measurable assurance against vulnerabilities.

An internationally accepted standard approach to specifying and evaluating security assurance is provided by Common Criteria (see www.commoncriteriaportal.org). The evaluation of security software through the Common Criteria standard defines Evaluation Assurance Levels (EAL 1-7) that indicate the process rigor associated with the development of an information technology product, as shown below:

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- EAL-7: Formally verified, designed, and tested

The level of assurance rigor increases from EAL-1 (lowest) to EAL-7 (highest). Assurance to EAL-7 involves formal verification of the software product using mathematical models and theorem proving.


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mechanisms are intermixed with many other kinds of functionality, all of which run in privileged mode and, if flawed, can be a cause of serious vulnerabilities. The higher levels of assurance (EAL-5 through EAL-7) require mathematical or formal/semi-formal verification. This is not possible with today's formal methods technology, especially for large systems that can consist of millions of lines of source code. To formally verify such a system, it would take millions of man-hours and an enormous budget. As a result, there is no operating system today that has been certified to EAL-7, which is needed for critical systems.

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Brick-wall partitioning

A way around this dilemma is provided by the Multiple Independent Levels of Security/Safety MILS architecture (see Figure 1). The MILS architecture is based on the concept of a small partitioning kernel, sometimes referred to as a separation kernel, which is the only software that runs in supervisor mode and that provides brick-wall partitioning of memory, time, and I/O resources. The partitioning kernel provides only the basic functionality needed to support the underlying hardware and provides the partitions that essentially implement isolated virtual machines. Each partition is guaranteed a fixed share of required resources including memory, CPU time, and internal kernel buffers, eliminating denial-of-service vulnerabilities between partitions. Within each partition, the traditional OS functionality is implemented in user mode completely isolated from other partitions. The middleware and applications make up the rest of the components that may execute in a single partition.

The partitioning kernel in the MILS architecture is the policy enforcing entity that has foundational security functions that are non-bypassable, always invoked, evaluable (through mathematical verification), and tamper-proof. The partitioning kernel itself must be small

enough to be certifiable to EAL-7. The separation provided by the partitioning kernel enables any additional security functions to be implemented in one or more dedicated partitions and to be certifiable to EAL-7 as well. At the same time, user mode versions of Linux or current POSIX-compliant RTOSs, such as LynxOS from LynuxWorks, can run in other partitions to support the rest of the embedded applications software. This approach enables reuse of existing software and reduces the time and cost it would take to provide the highest levels of security assurance.

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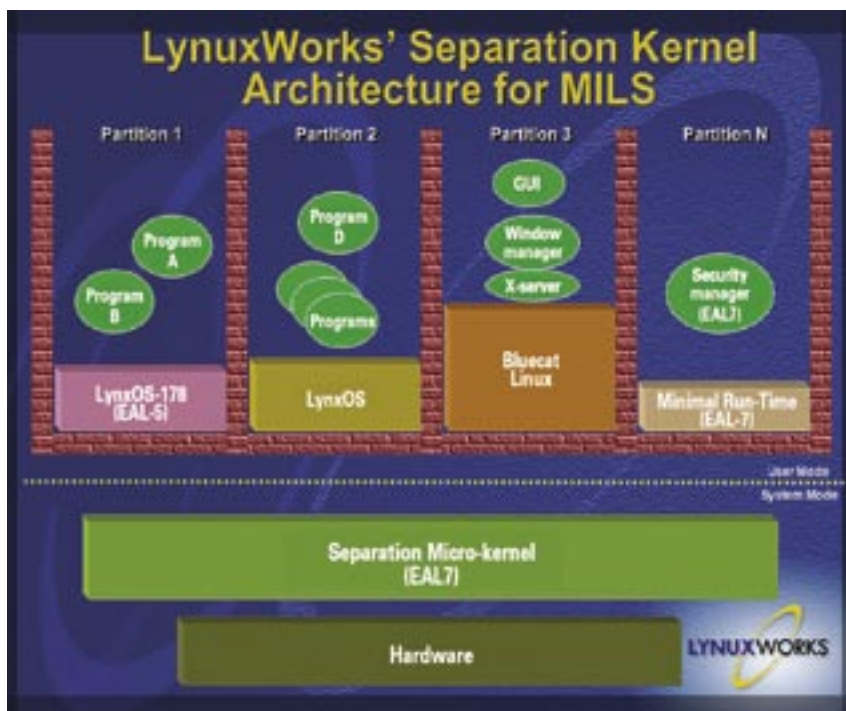


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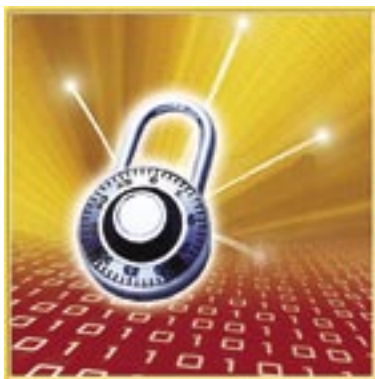
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How AMCC's PowerPC440SP is addressing today's storage solutions



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As the requirements for storage capacity, reliability, and performance continue to increase, the use of Redundant Array of Independent Disks (RAID) technology becomes more pervasive in the industry. RAID describes a technology where a set of multiple independent hard drives logically joins together. The RAID storage segment spans a wide range of performance, from entry-level storage systems to high-performance and high-volume enterprise storage systems to meet today's growing requirements.

As the number of disk drives and/or the performance requirements of the storage system increase, designers can achieve a more efficient implementation by using separate I/O, or intelligent I/O, processor-based RAID controllers (IOP). In this configuration, the host processor off-loads the RAID control functions to the IOP, thus reserving the host processor cycles for other user applications.

An important benefit of IOP-based implementation is the separation of the

RAID control function from the disk drive protocol and drive controller. This setup enables the OEM to use commodity-type protocol processor chips or cards, such as SATA, SCSI, and SAS, and to interface them with the IOP device via standard PCI-X interfaces. (Figure 1 shows the IOP on an adapter card, and Figure 2 shows the IOP in an external RAID storage setup.) The server OEM can also mix and match various

protocol functions on the server rack, as required by customers, without changing the RAID controller. When designing with IOP-based RAID controllers for high-performance storage systems, the system designer must consider the bandwidth performance and limitations of the IOP RAID controller to avoid bottlenecks that reduce performance. An integral part of the overall RAID subsystem and its performance is the

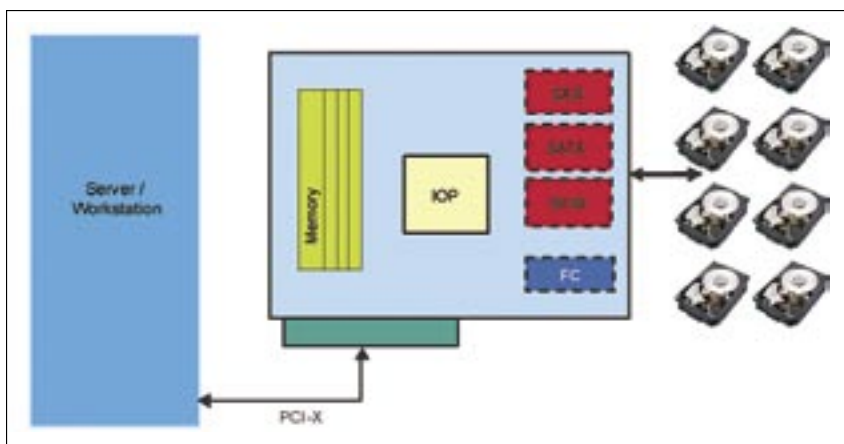


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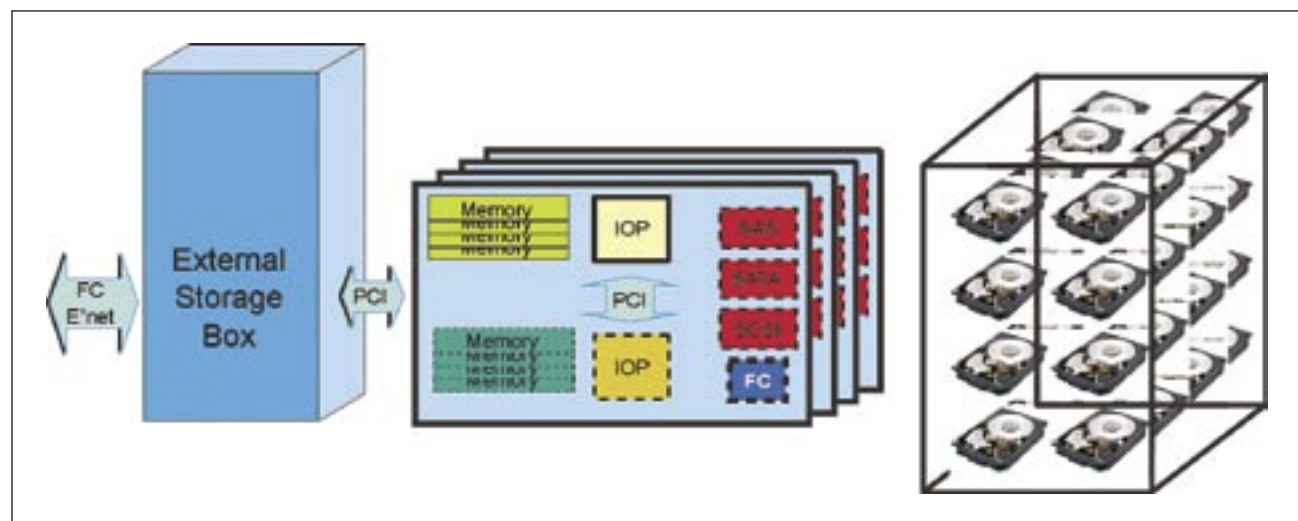


Figure 2

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architecture of the embedded processor along with the L1/L2 cache sizes and speed.

To improve upon traditional storage approaches, AMCC provides various solutions to RAID control and protocol processing functions that offer increased design flexibility, higher bandwidth, and exceptional performance. AMCC's PowerPC product designed for IOP RAID control function is the PPC440SP (see Figure 3).

As mentioned previously, system designers must be conscious of bandwidth limitations in order to maintain storage subsystem performance. One such area of limitation on an IOP device involves the interfaces to the protocol processor and disk drive controllers. To combat potential limitation, the PPC440SP includes three PCI-X version 2.0 interfaces, which operate at double rated DDR for an effective DDR266 throughput. The primary bus (host bus) is a 64-bit interface with a maximum bandwidth

of 2.13 GBps. The secondary (local) buses include one 64-bit interface (2.13 GBps) and one 32-bit interface (1.06 GBps).

Other possible bandwidth limitations are associated with the internal processor bus architecture. To address this, the internal bus of the PowerPC 440SP is a 128-bit Processor Local Bus (PLB), which provides a two-way crossbar with a separate 128-bit read and a 128-bit write data bus for each way. Each of the four 128-bit data buses can operate concurrently, providing up to 10.4 GBps of on-chip peak bandwidth at 166 MHz. An on-chip XOR accelerator unit performs the XOR functions needed to support RAID applications. These include parity generation and check functions that generate across data stripes in a RAID system.

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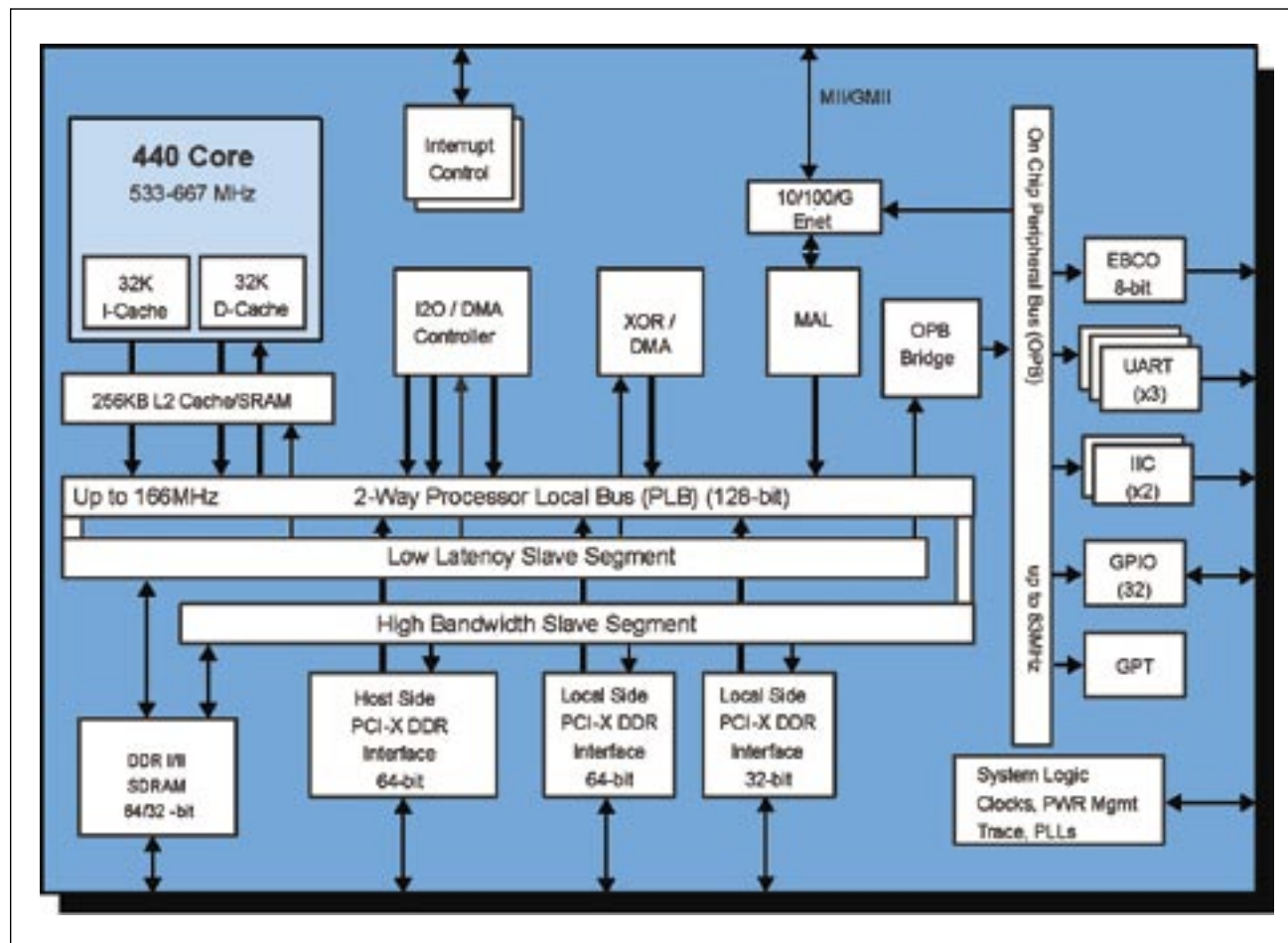


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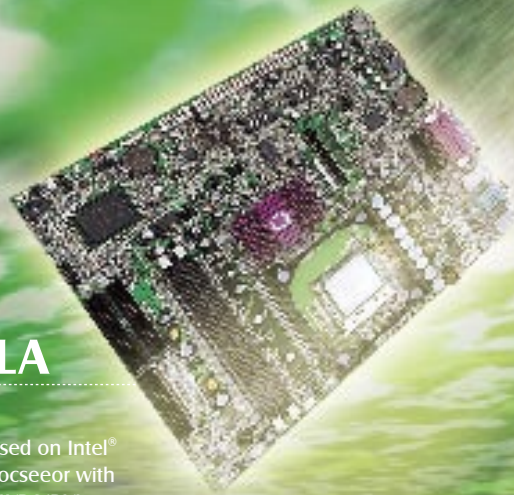


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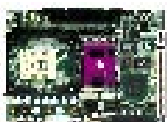
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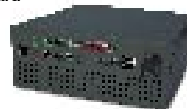
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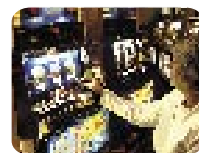
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